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Kowloon...	...Dep.		8.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.		8.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.		9.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.		9.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.		9.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.		9.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.		9.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.		9.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yaumati...	...Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

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Taipo ...	...Dep.		7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.58	6.05	7.44
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Fanling ...	...Dep.		7.32	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.		7.36	9.12	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.		7.42	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.08

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Fanling ...	...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	—	5.51	6.20
Taipo Market	...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	—	6.01	6.30
Taipo ...	...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	—	6.05	6.34
Shatin ...	...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	—	6.18	6.47
Yaumati...	...Dep.	9 3	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	—	6.30	6.59
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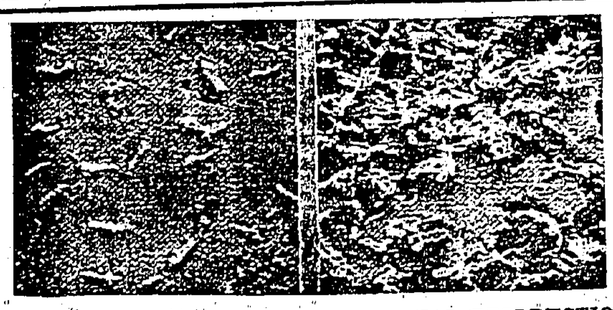

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ELEMENTARY TRAINING.

The training of the medical man of those days was of a very elementary type. It was necessary to serve for a number of years as an apprentice to a surgeon and apothecary, which professions were generally united. The certificate given at the close of this apprenticeship constituted the diploma. Several things they did know. They knew how to let blood; they could set simple fractures; they had some knowledge of the properties of infusions, and herbs; but they were totally ignorant of tropical diseases, a study which has made such wonderful development in recent years. Some of their ideas of treatment appear very strange now. For instance the treatment of dysentery, as practised by the medical officer of the Company, would scarcely command favour in these days. All the doctors were agreed that "as the strength must be supported in dysentery, wine and solid animal food were the most appropriate diet." Patients in these cases were ordered pillaus, curries, grilled fowls, and peppered chicken broth with a glass or two of medicine or a little brandy and water and dessert of ripe fruits. It would be difficult to say whether the officers of the British East India Company followed the beliefs and treatment of their confreres in the Portuguese company, whose grand cure for all diseases was "the changing of all the European blood in their patients' bodies into natives" a process that was carried out by repeated venesections till the doctors believed that all the white blood had been abstracted. Then, by diet consisting exclusively of the productions of the country they hoped to substitute a liquid entirely Indian which would render the patients proof against those diseases from which they had previously suffered.

HIGH MORTALITY IN CALCUTTA.

The Surgeons of the Company frequently combined some other profession or business with their medical activities. Their salary from the Company was only £30 and it remained at that figue for over 100 years. They were, however, permitted to embark on trading enterprises and they were frequently seen as merchants who came from up-country to the ports. Master Surriflet, the surgeon who sailed on the *Dragon* with Sir Henry Middleton, acted in the capacity of spiritual adviser to the Company. Whatever may have been his qualifications in this direction, he was certainly unable to cope with the fever and dysentery which were prevalent in those days, and to which he himself succumbed on his voyage home. The surgeons had their work cut out for them, but they lacked a knowledge of the elementary facts which are necessary to the modern practitioner. Diseases attacked the settlement and carried off many officers; in 1757 it is stated that "there is no chaplain alive in the country." Captain Hamilton writes interestingly of his visit to Calcutta and incidentally refers to the great mortality among the servants of the Company. "The Company has a pretty good hospital at Calcutta, where many undergo the penance of physic, but few come out to give an account of its operation. One year I was there and there were reckoned in August 1,200 Englishmen—some military; some servants of the Company; some private merchants residing in the town and some seamen belonging to the shipping lying off the town: and before the beginning of January there were 460 burials registered in the clerks' books of mortality."

ONE WHO ROSE HIGH.

It was no wonder that the surgeon, handicapped as he was in every way should have been powerless in the presence of diseases which still baffle all the agencies of modern science. But some of the surgeons possessed considerable ability, and were highly honoured, not only by the Company's servants but by the Indian Princes who frequently engaged them for professional services. An interesting case is that of Dr. Hamilton who accompanied the envoys from Calcutta to Delhi, and there succeeded in curing the King. As a reward, he was presented with many gifts, including two diamond rings, an elephant, a horse, and Rs. 5,000. The Emperor was keen to retain his services and it was only with the greatest difficulty he was able to get away.—*The Englishman* (Calcutta).

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NEWS FROM THE NILE.

In these days of broadcasting it seems difficult to realise that when Nelson smashed the French fleet on August 1st, 1798, in the Battle of the Nile the full news did not reach Napoleon, stationed with his army at Cairo, until August 15th. Incidentally, it may be stated that the news did not reach the Admiralty until Captain Capel arrived on October 2nd; and Earl St. Vincent, at Cadiz, who had nominated Nelson to the Egyptian Command, did not receive Nelson's victorious despatch until September 29th. Indeed, we find the Prime Minister, William Pitt, writing from Downing Street to his mother on August 22nd: "The account of Bonaparte's arrival at Alexandria is, I am afraid, true; but it gives us no accurate particulars, and leaves us in entire suspense as to Nelson."

But the real drama is at Cairo on August 15th, 1798, a fortnight after the disaster. From his commandant at Aboukir, Admiral Ganteaume, Napoleon receives the doleful news of the destruction of his fleet; of the death of the Admiral in command, Brueys, of the blowing-up of his flagship, the *Orient*; and of the death of his commodore, Casa Bianca (whose boy remained standing at his post); and the rest of the sorry tidings.

UNDAUNTED COMMANDER.

What does Napoleon do? He writes at once admitting that the picture which Ganteaume has drawn of the catastrophe is horrible, yet the fact that Ganteaume is saved marks him out as the destined avenger, some day, of "notre maître et nos amis." And he concludes with his sincere congratulations on his escape.

A few hours later, however, on the same day, the undaunted Napoleon gets to work, and dictates a long letter to Ganteaume, conveying detailed instructions as to naval measures to be taken, and tells him how anxious he is to confer with him, but that they must both wait until the English have left with their rags and tatters ("Cambeaux").

This is not all. Napoleon knows human nature too well. So, still on the same day, he writes another letter to Ganteaume. This time he places at the Admiral's disposal 15,000f for distribution among the naval officers, and tells Ganteaume to take 3,000f for himself.

This assuredly must be accounted the earliest distribution of prize-money in naval history—after a defeat. The mention of Brueys' flagship *L'Orient* recalls the fact that the mainmast of this ship was saved from the wreck, and that on May 23rd, 1798, Captain Benjamin Hallowell, of the *Swiftsure*, wrote thus to Nelson:

My Lord—I have taken the liberty of presenting you with a coffin made from the mainmast of *L'Orient*, that when you have finished your military career in this world, you may be buried in one of your trophies; but that that period may be far distant is the earnest wish of your sincere friend.

BEN HALLOWELL

And it was so finally, because the leaden coffin containing Nelson's remains was placed in this *Orient* trophy, and then further encased for that great lying-in-state in January, 1806.

CELEBRATED "PROCLAMATION."

In addition to these letters to Ganteaume, there are many other documents of historic interest, especially the rough draft of Napoleon's celebrated proclamation which he made to his army in Italy after the great struggle ending in the Battle of Rivoli, January, 1797. Students know the inspiring rhetoric of the final document, and it is of profound interest to examine Napoleon's literary struggles in preparing it. His resonant beginning, "Soldats, Je suis content de," has been all scratched through; so has "vous avez triomphé."

While Nelson was winning the Battle of the Nile two English admirals were writing to the Admiralty protesting against being passed over in the command. In this Crawford dossier there is that letter addressed to the Executive Directory by Augereau, General-in-Chief of the Army in Italy, whom Napoleon had superseded. But after writing this letter Augereau was received by his successor, and after half an hour's conversation became his loyal and devoted adherent.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts in their weekly share report, dated May 8th, say:—

As previously mentioned in our last Report, our market has become much quieter and the boom which has been going on for so long seems to be dying out. Several stocks have weakened in consequence.

Latest reports from the Straits indicate that the Rubber market is still active, and the cabled quotations given below show that prices have further improved.

Banks:—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks continue in demand at $1,225 and sales made at $1,130 have been reported. The Sterling rate is unaltered at £139. A few P and O. Banks are offering locally at £11½. Bank of East Asia's have been dealt in at $97½.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Cantons have further risen and have buyers at $780. Unions are also in demand and can be placed at $272. Yangtszes are unchanged at $45 with no sales made. China Underwriters at $3.40 show a further rise. Hongkong Fires have changed hands at $650 and China Fires remain steady at $200.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have advanced to $39½. "Star" Ferries dropped to $83, but are firmer at the close with buyers at this rate. Douglas Steamships remain weak at $45. Tugs and Lighters are steady at $4.25, at which price business has resulted.

Refineries.—China Sugars have weakened to a selling rate of $63. Malabons are neglected at $53.

Oils and Mining.—Langkats "Combined" have improved and are wanted in the north at Tls. 25. The "Singles" are steady at Tls. 12½. Explorations are asked for at Tls. 5, with sellers Tls. 5.15. Kailans have local buyers at 57/-. Benguet Consolidateds might be obtainable at about $2.50. Tronohs were done at 54/-.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks were booked at $120/122. Shanghai Docks show a further rise to Tls. 122. Kowloon Wharves have been in good request and sales were made up to $203, but the market closes weaker with sellers at $199.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are in some demand and have advanced to $95. Humphreys Estates are easier with probable sellers at $21 and buyers offering $20½. Hongkong Realties have buyers at $4.85, but no shares are coming out for sale. Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels had a considerable set back and touched as low as $14½, but close firmer with buyers at $15½.

Electric companies.—Hongkong Electrics after firming up to $88 have again weakened with buyers only offering $84½. The demand for China Lights has slacked off and the "Combined" shares are offering at $33. No business has been done in the "Old" and "New" shares separately, which remain at last week's quotations. Hongkong Tramways have been ruling weak and close with sellers at $42.

Cotton Mills.—All stocks in this section are dull, with little to nothing doing in them locally.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have dropped to some extent, having been sold down to $28½, but close much firmer at $29½. Hongkong Hopes "Combined" were sold at the reduced rate of $54. Dairy Farms after sales at $27 are asked for at $28½. Lane, Crawfords are in demand and have risen to a buying rate of $17.10. Watsons after rising to $23½ are inclined to be easier. The "New" shares, on which the final Call of $5 was paid on the 1st instant, are quoted at $21½. Peak Tramways are wanted—the Old at $23½ and the New at $9½. The demand for Taxi's seems to be satisfied for the time being and they stand at a nominal quotation of $7.25. China Omnibuses have again been placed at Tls. 14½. Canton Ices are enquired for at $7.50.

Forward Settlement Days.—26th May, (Tuesday), 23rd June (Tuesday), 28th July (Tuesday) and 25th August (Tuesday).

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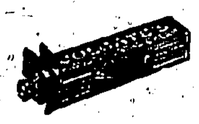

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The winner, who started at 100 to 9 against, was ridden with admirable judgment by a gentleman rider, Major J. P. Wilson. These words are written of the greatest steeplechase in the world, and one of the hardest and most severe tests to which a man and a horse can be put, but it conveys nothing of the anxiety and excitement of the whole thing. The conditions for this great contest, however, were perfect—a bright, sunny day and wonderful going, and, on top of it all, a really exciting finish. There may in the past have been more visitors, but I have never seen so many. The stands and enclosures were packed, and there was nothing but people on the canal bank, from the Anchor Bridge to the Canal turn. The other side of the course, from the first fence to Becher's Brook, was also packed with people, and there was the usual turmoil and seething mass in the middle of the course. All of the expected runners, except The Bleeka, were started; he, I understand, had broken down again.

THE START.

I have never before been able to see any reason for the existence of a starting-gate for steeplechasers, but, after this race, I hope that it will always be used. In the past, the start in this great race has always been troublesome, but, with the gate used for the first time, it was perfect. The horses lined up at once and stood still until the tapes were released, when they started in an absolute line. There was the usual rush for the first fence, which was led by Drifter, Winnall, and Alcazar, with all the cavalry close up behind. In past years there have often been many casualties at the first fence, but only one horse came down. This was Alcazar. A fence later two of the safest jumpers in the field came down in Taffytus and Patsey V. And then, as usual, falls were frequent, but it will take days before exactly what happened is known. After all, it is more important to follow the fortunes of the survivors than the misfortunes of the fallen.

When Alcazar had come down Winnall and Drifter set out to start a great pace. Other well-placed animals were Ballinode, Silvo, Double Chance, Fly Mask, and Old Tay Bridge. Drifter then took a few fences sideways but did not come down. He did, however, lose a few places, and by the time that Valentine's Brook was reached, Ballinode and Double Chance were in front. Drifter and Silvo were prominent, and I could also see Max and Old Tay Bridge well ahead. I could no longer see, however, Winnall or Sergeant Murphy. In this way they came on towards the water jump, but before they got there another safe jumper had come down, Ballinode falling at the easiest fence but one before the water.

AT THE WATER JUMP.

Quite a number of runners were standing when the water jump was reached, the most prominent being Fly Mask, now in front, Double Chance, Peter the Piper, Drifter, Max, Ballymacrory, Spring, Silvo, and Old Tay Bridge. In all, 17 still were standing at this jump, which marks the half distance of the long race. Fly Mask lost temporarily his place as the field went out into the country for the second time, the running now being made by Max, who was jumping well. I began to see visions of "the double," when he began to weary and so lost his place, which was taken by Double Chance. Peter the Piper, Drifter, Sprig, Fly Mask, Old Tay Bridge, and Silvo were also still standing and close to the leader.

A GALLANT WINNER.

Double Chance still was in front at the Canal turn, with Drifter second, and Fly Mask third, but it still was anyone's race, for another four were close on their heels, and one of them soon caught them and passed them. This was Silvo, who was in front soon after crossing Valentine's Brook, and who was going so well at that point that his rider, F. B. Rees, must have had visions of repeating his success in this race on Shaun Spadah. He was well in front at the Anchor Bridge and came on to the racecourse several lengths in front of Fly Mask and Double Chance. Then, just when it seemed as if he had won, his stamma gave out and he was a beaten horse. Silvo was caught two fences from the finish by Fly Mask and Double Chance. They, in turn, were challenged between the last two fences by Old Tay Bridge, who so quickly raced clear that it seemed certain he would win. He jumped the last fence in front of Fly Mask and Double Chance and the excitement became more intense than ever, for he then began to swerve from distress and Major Wilson at once went for him on Double Chance.

GAME AND HONEST HORSE.

I have said before what a game horse this is, and, without wishing in any way to belittle Major Wilson's magnificent effort, I must accord the honour to the horse. If ever anyone saw a horse who knew that it was a finish and that he was to win it was Double Chance. Just as at Newbury and at Birmingham, earlier in the season, he went after the horse in front, caught him, and beat him as only a game and honest horse could do. Major Wilson, however, rode a magnificent race. Not the least good thing that he did was after the last fence had been jumped, when he started to challenge and he tried to come up on Old Tay Bridge's near side. Old Tay Bridge, however, swerved across, and Major Wilson might have been in serious trouble on the rails. All chance of an objection—always an unpleasant thing, especially in such a race as this—was obviated by Major Wilson, who at once checked his horse and came up on the off-side.

WINNER'S PARENTAGE DOUBTFUL.

It is only in accordance with recent big winners that romance should have played a prominent part in the life of Double Chance. His very parentage is doubtful, for he is by Sir Herod or Day Comet. As a young horse he belonged to Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, but, becoming unsound, was given by his owner some years ago to Archer. Archer patched him up and then hunted him for two seasons in Yorkshire. He then put him into training and won several steeplechases with him before selling him to his present owner, Mr. Goold, a Liverpool man, in whose colours he ran.—*The Times'* Racing Correspondent.

(*Continued on next Column*).

INDIA'S OPIUM PROBLEM.

EXPORTS STRICTLY CONTROLLED.

Sir Basil Blackett made a long and interesting speech on the opium question in the Assembly at Delhi, recently. He explained how opium was manufactured at Ghazipur both for export and for consumption in India. The sale proceeds of export opium went to the credit of the central revenues, while opium for consumption in India was sold at cost price to local Governments which sold at higher prices to the public, the difference constituting a part of the excise revenue of the provincial Governments. The greater part of the opium consumed in India was "malva" opium supplied by Indian States in Central India and Rajputana South. The Central Government had no incentive whatever to increase consumption in India. With the exception of Assam the local Government's excise department was a transferred subject and it rested with local Governments to deal with the matter. During the last fifteen years the general policy had been to get a maximum revenue from a minimum consumption. The price was now two or three times higher than in 1910. The revenue was 50 per cent. higher while the consumption was two-thirds less.

The Home Member briefly explained the steps taken to suppress smoking in Lower Burma where in 1921 only 5,405 smokers remained. He traced the history of opium in Assam and stated that the only difficulty in proceeding too quickly to end the use of opium except for medical purposes was the danger of smuggling and illicit cultivation, both of which were serious matters. The Assam Government was steadily reducing the traffic and was rationing consumers direct. Sir Basil quoted freely from the report of the Royal Commission of 1893 which examined 700 witnesses, including 161 medical men and said he did not see how Government could go behind the finding of such a commission. He next dealt with the China trade and showed how the whole of the revenue which once came to India from China was now lost while cultivation in China was now estimated at seven to twenty times the extent of India cultivation. China had now become the most important world producer. The Indian revenue from the export trade had fallen from Rs. 801 lakhs in 1910 to Rs. 183 lakhs in 1923 and the exports were strictly controlled.

GIFTS TO OFFICIALS.

REVISED REGULATIONS ISSUED IN INDIA.

A Home Department Resolution published in India states that the Secretary of State for India, with the concurrence of a majority of votes at a meeting of the Council of India held on February 10th, has made the following amendments in the Government Servants' Conduct Rules:—

"For rule 2 of the said rules the following shall be substituted:—(1) save, as otherwise provided, a Government servant shall not, except with the previous sanction of the Government of India (a) accept directly or indirectly on his own behalf, or on behalf of any other person, or (b) permit any member of his family so to accept, any gift, gratuity or reward, or any offer of a gift, gratuity or reward from an Indian; (2) The Head of a Government, or Administration, or a Political Officer, may accept a ceremonial gift from an Indian Prince or Chief if the gift is such that a return present will be made at the expense of the Government. A gift so accepted shall be deposited in the Government Toshakhana. (3) Any Government servant may accept from any Indian a complimentary present of flowers or fruit or similar articles of a trifling value, but all Government servants shall use their best endeavours to discourage the tender of such gifts.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

(4) Any Government servant may accept, or permit any member of his family to accept from an Indian who is his personal friend, a wedding present of a value which is reasonable in all the circumstances of the case and which, in the case of a wedding present offered to a European Government servant or to a member of his family, does not exceed Rs. 200. All Government servants shall use their best endeavours to discourage the tender of such presents and such acceptance or permission shall be reported to the local Government and if the local Government so requires the present shall be returned to the donor. (5) If a Government servant cannot, without giving undue offence, refuse a gift of a substantial value from an Indian, he may accept the same, but shall direct the delivery of the gift to the Government.

LOCAL SPORT.

R.A. ATHLETIC MEETING.

GUNNER HARRIS CARRIES OFF CHAMPION CUP.

The Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, which extended over two days, (Thursday and Friday), was concluded yesterday afternoon on the United Services Recreation Ground. There was a very large attendance of Officers and their wives and British residents generally present to witness the concluding events of the programme.

Some very keen competition was witnessed in the individual events, and Gunner Harris certainly was the outstanding figure. In the two days he secured five firsts in addition to being placed in other events, and thereby gained the cup presented by the R.A. Officers for the competitor adjudged to be the best athlete. Gunner Spacey also did well. The cup presented to the battery gaining the most points was carried off, as was anticipated, by the 25th Heavy Battery, who led on the first day's results with 49 points against the 13th Heavy Battery's 22 points.

An additional event was the tug-of-war between the Hongkong Police and the East Surrey Regiment. At the recent V.R.C. sports at Happy Valley, the Soldiers defeated the Police, and the police challenged them to pull yesterday. The Police were the heavier team, but the fine combination displayed by the soldiers proved too effective against the weight of the police and the decision went to the East Surreys, who won two out of three pulls.

The results yesterday were:—

THE RESULTS.

100 yards Flat race.—1, Gunner Rogers; 2, Lieut. Sugden; 3, Gunner Harris. Time: 10.4-5.

Boy's Race. Handicap 80 yards.—1, H. Holmes; 2, A. Newis; 3, R. Land.

Half-a-mile.—1, Gunner Newsom; 2, Gunner Doe 3, Gunner Culver Time:—2,16.1-5.

Girl's Race. Handicap 80 yards.—1, Norah Vant.

Threading the Needle Race. Married Couples.—1, B.Q.M.S. Moore and Mrs. Cook; 2, Sergt. Bell and Mrs. Bell; 3, Lance-Sergt. Bisgrove and Mrs. Carter.

Open Mile.—1, Bandsman Hannan (1st Battalion the East Surrey Regt); 2, Mair (H.V.D.C.); 3, Private Squelch (1st Battalion the East Surrey Regt.). Time: 4mins. 38secs.

Four-legged Race.—1, Gunner Rachell's team; 2, Gunner Pinloots team; 3, Gunner Rodd's team.

Khud Race. Open to all Indian troops in the Colony and the Hongkong Police.—1, Mugal Singh. Time: 3mins 45 secs.

W.Os., Sr. Sergts. and Sergts. Race. 100 yards.—1, Sergt. West; 2, B.Q.M.S. Moore; 3, Sergt. Manley.

Tug-of-War. unal.—the 38th Battery beat the 13th Battery.

Indian Officers' Race.—1, Subadar Major Bahu Singh.

Obstacle Race.—1, Gunner Harris; 2, Sergt. West; 3, Gunner Lucock.

Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Mrs. Cook; 2, Mrs. West.

Officers' Race. 100 yards Handicap.—1, Capt. Barrett; 2, Lieut. Aucott; 3, Major Hyland.

Relay Race.—1, 13th Battery; 2, 25th. Battery.

Band Race. Handicap.—50 yards Playing Instruments.—Bandsmen Hatch (East Surrey Regt.); 2, Bandsman Young (East Surrey Regt.); 3, Lance-Corporal Kidd (East Surrey Regt.).

220 Yards Final.—1, Lieut. Henslowe; 2, Lieut. Sugden; 3, Gunner Harris. Time: 25.4.-5.

Consolation Race.—220 yards for unplaced competitors.—1, Gunner Bolland; (23th Battery; 2, Gunner Christie 13th Battery; 3, Gunner Van-der-Hoven. 38th Battery.

Tug-of-war.—Result: The East Surrey Regt. beat the Hongkong Police Force by two pulls to one.

The total points gained by each competing battery were as under:—

25th Heavy Battery.....75 points.
13th Heavy Battery.....68 points.
38th Heavy Battery.....58 points.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. Hattersley-Smith, wife of Major W.P.A. Hattersley-Smith, Commanding the R.A., kindly distributed the prizes to the successful competitors. In addition to presenting the individual prizes gained during the two day's athletic meeting, Mrs. Hattersly-Smith also presented the following prizes.

The R.A. Officers Cup, presented for the competitor judged by the committee to be the best athlete of the day.—Gunner Harris.

The trophy awarded to the battery gaining the most points during the two days sports.—The 25th Heavy Battery with 75 points.

The Inter-Company Cricket Cup.—the 13th Heavy Battery.

The Athletic Cup.—the 25th Heavy Battery with 75 points.

Inter-Company Shoot.—the 25th Heavy Battery with an aggregate of 67 points.

The Brown Rowing Cup.—the 25th Heavy Battery.

The R.A. Football Cup.—the 13th Heavy Battery.

The R.A. Hockey Cup.—the 25th Heavy Battery.

The R.A. Rowing Cup.—the 25th Heavy Battery.

Lieut. A. W. Allcock, who presided, thanked Mrs. Hattersley-Smith for presenting the prizes, at the conclusion of which she was handed a bouquet of flowers in silver holder.

The proceedings concluded with "God Save the King, played by the band of the 1st. Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment.

GAP ROAD SCHOOL.

MISS HOLYOAK PRESENTS THE PRIZES.

The first annual athletic sports meeting of the Gap Road Government School was held yesterday at the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, and proved a great success. The school turned out in full force, and some keen competitions were seen.

The winners of the principal events were as under:—

High Jump (Senior A).—Iu Hing Loi, Height: 4ft. 5in.

Long Jump (Senior).—Leung Wing Chiu. Distance: 13ft. 10in.

Flat Race (400 yards).—Leung Wing Chiu.

Masters' Race (100 yards).—Mr. Leung Yuk Tung. Time: 10secs.

Football Race (20 yards).—Fung Yung Sheung.

Old Boys' Race (400 yards).—Lam Sing Chan.

Team Race.—Government School, Yaumati, 1.

Miss Holyoak, who was accompanied by Mrs. Holyoak and Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), presented the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FORMER PUPILS.

The second annual meeting of the K.B.S.F.P. Association was held at the Central British School on Tuesday.

Mr. G. F. Nightingale, the chairman, congratulated the members of the Association on the success of their endeavours during the past year. The Water Polo team were first in the Hongkong Water Polo League, losing no matches. Much of the success of the team was due to Mr. Thompson, their very energetic and enthusiastic trainer. The number of members increased 50 per cent., and financially the Association was in a very sound condition.

The following are the officials for 1925-25:—President, Mr. E. Ralphs; Vice-President, Mr. B. Wylie; Chairman, Mr. G. F. Nightingale; Treasurer, Mr. J. V. Ramsay; Secretary, Mr. G. H. White; Committee, Misses E. George and D. Witchell, Messrs. W. Hyde, E. Railton, and B. Rasmussen.

SIBERIA GOLDFIELDS.

REPORTED CONTRACT BETWEEN SOVIET AND U.S. BANKERS.

A message from Moscow states that representatives of the Soviets and of the Lena Gold Fields Company signed a draft agreement on May 1st for a concessionary exploitation by a company to be called the Lena Gold Enterprises, of a million and a half acres of gold, silver, copper and lead-bearing areas in the Lena, Altai, and Sissersk regions of Siberia.

It is understood that important New York banking and mining interests will have considerable participation in the operations of the company, which embraces the interests of a number of companies that, before the war, had operated the mines covered by the present concession.

Under the concession the Soviets will turn over to the company rivercraft for transport on the Lena River. Six per cent. of the total production is payable to the Soviets.

The Company's technical staff will be largely composed of Britons and Americans.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

S. A. Rumjahn and F. A. Redmond met in the fourth round of the Open Championship Singles on the stand court yesterday evening. Rumjahn easily won the first set by 6-1, but in the second set he was not so sure and was somewhat erratic, Redmond winning by 8-4. The third set was better contested with Rumjahn winning by 6-4. In the fourth set the youthful tennis player swamped his opponent by 6-0.

T. Honda and Ng Sze Cheong should have met in the fourth round of the same competition, but the match was postponed until to-day, the winner to meet S. A. Rumjahn in the semi-final on Monday evening.

Another game down for Monday is that between S. E. Green and A. S. Hett in the 3rd round of the Club Championship Singles.

PANCHO VILLA WINS.

Pancho Villa, the fly-weight champion of the world, beat Clever Cencio on points in a fifteen-round contest at Manila on May 2nd.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Lorna Doone" opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Madge Bellamy, endeared to the public by her work in Thomas H. Ince's "Hail the Woman" plays the title rôle. With her beauty and undeniable charm, she should be ideal in the part of the gentle "captive maid of Exmoor." John Bowers, one of the biggest men physically of the screen, has been appropriately cast for the rôle of "Jan Ridd," Lorna's lover who was the strongest man in Devonshire." Frank Keenan plays the regal old outlaw chief, "Sir Ensor Boone" with Donald MacDonald as the villainous "Carver Doone," who meets such a horrible death in a quagmire.

H.K.V.D.C. SMOKING CONCERT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR PRESENTS PRIZES AT HEADQUARTERS.

The annual smoking concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps took place last night at the Volunteer Headquarters. There was a large attendance.

During the evening H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), kindly distributed the various cups won at the annual rifle meeting and in addition he handed to the winners other trophies, which had been won during the year.

The Governor was accompanied by his private secretary (Mr. T. J. Gaisford-St. Lawrence). Others present were Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps), who presided, and the Hon. Sir Claud Severn, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Commodore A. J. Stirling, Major Drake (1st Battn., the East Surrey Regt), Major Wilson (Artillery Company, H.V.D.C.), Capt. Joel (Adjudant, H.V.D.C.), Mr. J. A. Plummer, and other military and naval officers.

COMMANDANT'S REVIEW.

During an interval in the musical programme, Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Commandant of the Corps), said the evening marked the close of the training season, which he thought they could claim had been the most successful one in the annals of the present Corps. They started last year with a membership of 370; and the Corps now numbered 480. (Applause.) This was a fairly good increase in strength, but still their numbers were not nearly so large as they ought to be. If they had numbered 800 or 1,000 it would be nearer the mark. Personally, he would not be satisfied until they had every able-bodied man in the Colony in the Corps.

Dealing with the various units, Lt.-Col. Bird said the Artillery Company had taken a new lease of life. They had doubled their strength. More than this they had succeeded in wresting the Efficiency Cup from the holders, the Engineer Company, and they had also succeeded in retaining the Musketry Cup, which they won last year. The Engineer Company had been re-organised into three sections; namely the field section, the signal section and the light section. Lt.-Col. Bird went on to comment on the efficiency of these sections and the work they had done in connection with their training. The Mounted Infantry had done a lot of useful work, especially in connection with reconnaisance in the New Territories during their Camp at Fanling. This time last year, the Armoured Car Section was in its infancy, but since then it had grown and put on a lot of weight and now possessed a real big armoured car of its own. This section would prove a very valuable unit to the Corps, or he hoped so anyhow. The Machine Gunners had done very good work this year. They were in course of amalgamation with the armoured car section. Last, but not least, they came to the Infantry Company. (Applause.) Musketry returns this year showed a very great improvement in the shooting of the Corps, and after all musketry was the principal part of an infantryman's training. The strength of the infantry had also increased greatly. No. 1 Platoon had been split into two sections. The Scottish Company had also increased their strength and had formed another platoon, known as No. 7 platoon. This platoon was well over strength and it was hoped to split it into two and form No. 8 platoon. They would then have a complete Scottish Company, having four platoons. Speaking of the Reserve Company, Lt.-Col. Bird said No. 9 platoon had kept up their reputation for shooting and returns showed that they had more marksmen than any other unit of the Corps. So much for the training side.

They now branched out into an entirely new line. He referred to the field of sport. They hoped to develop the Corps in this branch so much that it would become the principal field of sport and all young men coming to the Colony would automatically join them. They could at present put a team into any field of sport they liked to mention. Of course, there was the difficulty as regarded ground, but they hoped to enlist the sympathies of the Hon. Mr. Creasy in this respect.

In connection with the Rifle meeting, large entries were attracted, not only from the Corps, but also from the Navy and Army and others in the All Comers Competition. They were going to hold their first sports meeting at the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley on Whit-Monday.

In conclusion, Lt.-Col. Bird returned thanks to the Committee and those who had worked so hard in making arrangements for the rifle meeting. He then asked His Excellency to distribute the prizes.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Governor said as this was the last occasion on which he would have the pleasure of meeting them, he would like to congratulate Colonel Bird on the success which had attended his efforts to bring the Corps to a high state of efficiency. (Applause.) It had been his duty shortly after he arrived in the Colony to give the final decision as to the future of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps; that was whether it should be compulsory service as during the war, or voluntary as before the war. To his mind, he considered it was better to have the voluntary system which flourished before the war. He had not expected at that time, when so many men of the European population of the Colony were war weary, that the membership of the Corps would be large for the time being. At that time he set a figure for membership which Col. Bird would tell them was ridiculously small, that figure was 300. He could congratulate them that evening on the fact that that number had been exceeded by 50 per cent. He hoped that in the future years, the strength of the Corps would go on increasing. He thought a tribute of credit should be paid to those gentlemen who after experience of the war had been content to place their services at the disposal of the community as Volunteers. He thought he could congratulate them on selecting Col. Bird as their first commanding officer and he heartily congratulated the Corps on their strength and efficiency. Through circumstances over which he had no control, the only military rank which he had been able to hold was that of Commander-in-Chief. He felt great diffidence in addressing a gathering of military men and therefore he thought he would confine himself to a matter with which he was more familiar, that was the presentation of prizes. (Applause.)

His Excellency then presented the prizes as under:—

All Comers' Competition.—(Prizes given by R. G. Shewan, Esq. and A. Barlow, Esq.).—1st, Major J. F. Drake, East Surreys; 2nd, Gnr. N. L. Railton, H.V.D.C., 3rd, Marine Baker, H.M.S. *Tamar*, 4th, Marine Carrington, Stonecutters Staff.

Range prizes.—200 yards., Ldg. Sea Griggs, H.M.S. *Ambrose*; 500 yards, Corpl. Green, H.M.S. *Ambrose*; 600 yards, L/Corpl. Meaker, East Surreys.

Blake Shield Competition.—Won by Engineer Coy.—Coy. Sergt.-Major R. J. Everest, Sapper G. R. Maskell, Sapper J. Watson, Sapper G. E. Stephens, Sapper E. R. Dovey. Special prize given by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., for highest individual score, won by Corporal F. C. Goodman, No. 6 Platoon.

Francis Cup Competition.—(Prizes given by G. M. Young, Esq.). Won by Engineer Company. Sapper E. R. Dovey, Sapper J. Watson, Sapper G. R. Maskell, Sapper G. E. Stephens.

Musketry Competition.—(1st Prize given by Henry Humphreys, Esq).—1st, Corps Sergt.-Major H. Westlake, D.C.M., 2nd, Sapper G. E. Stephens; 3rd, Sapper E. R. Dovey.

Tyro Competition.—Won by Corporal A. H. Penn.

Jar Competition.—Won by No. 6 Platoon, Corporal F. C. Goodman, Pte. Hyde, Pte. Keith.

H. K. V. Reserves Challenge Cup.—Won by Pte. R. Lapsley.

Tile Competition.—Prizes given by J. Reid, Esq. Won by No. 1 Platoon. Sergt. H. Green, Corpl. E. G. Stewart Pte. P. Brown Corpl. E. J. R. Mitchell, L/Corpl. H.K. Prosser.

Corps Championship.—Prizes given by B.D. F. Beith, Esq. Winner. Sapper G. R. Maskell, 2nd, Coy. Sergt.-Major R. J. Everest, 3rd, Corporal F. C. Goodman.

Revolver Competition. (H.V.D.C.) (Prizes given by Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird) 1st Sapper E. R. Dovey, 2nd C.S.M. A. M. Thornhill.

Revolver Competition (All Comers). (1st Prize given by R. M. Dyer, Esq. 1st Marine Baker, H.M.S. *Tamar*, 2nd, Sgt. Tugwell, Stonecutters Range Staff, 3rd, Sgt. Carpenter, H.K. Police.

Attack Competition.—(Prizes given by J. H. Taggart, Esq.) Won by No. 1 Platoon. Leader, Corpl. R. R. Davies, Lieut. S. J. Jordain, M.C., Corpl. E. J. R. Mitchell, Corpl. A. H. Penn, Corpl. E. G. Stewart, Pte. A. C. I. Bowker, Pte. H. G. Burns.

Machine Gun Competition.—(Prizes given by J. A. Plummer, Esq.)—Won by L/Corpl. A. C. Groves, Pte. O. Skinner, Pte. D. E. G. Nicholson.

In addition to the above prizes, His Excellency also distributed the following trophies, which have been won during the year:—

Musketry Challenge Cup.—(Presented by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O.). Won by the Artillery Company.

The Lugard Cup.—(Shooting at Unknown ranges). Won at the Annual Camp by No. 1 Platoon.

The Efficiency Cup.—(Most efficient unit during the year.) Won by the Artillery Company

Artillery Cup.—(Presented by Sir Hercules C. R. Robinson, a former Governor of the Colony). Won by the Taikoo Section, Artillery Company.

Cheers were given at the conclusion of the prize distribution for His Excellency and for Lieut.-Col. Bird and the Corps.

The musical programme was then resumed.

THE MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

The musical programme submitted during the evening was very much appreciated. Several items were encored. The programme was as under:—

Song	G. H. Gompertz.
Song	J. W. Blackley.
Song	S. W. G. Perry.
Song	R. H. Charles.
Song	O. Skinner.
Song	W. A. Hannibal
Recitation	J. Bartholomew.
Song	E. M. Hanlon.
Song with Ukelele	A. H. Potts.

Mr. J. B. Milne was the pianist and the programme was concluded with the singing of God Save the King.

LOCAL SPORT.

BOXING.

EAST SURREY TOURNAMENT.

"A" COMPANY WIN SHIELD FOR SECOND TIME.

[BY CADOGYDD.]

The East Surrey's boxing tournament was concluded last night when the semi-finals and the finals were contested. On the whole the boxing was good. "A" Company won the shield for the second year, gaining 51½ points. "B" Company was second with 33½ points, White-Wing 21 and Companies "C" and "B" 19 points each.

THE COLONEL'S SPEECH.

Lieut.-Col. Montague Bates, before presenting the prizes, congratulated "A" Company on their success for the second year in succession. He said that the boxing had been clean and of a high standard, particularly that of the two boys from the Garrison School, whose display was greatly appreciated. Concluding, he paid tribute to Sergt.-Major Maynard and Mr. Drake-Brockman for organising the tournament.

BANTAM-WEIGHTS—(SEMI-FINAL).

Dmr. Simpson, W.W., *v.*, Pte. Block, D. The first round saw both men slogging hard, with Simpson on the aggressive punishing his opponent severely. But Block was game. Block began well in the second round, but Simpson was the harder hitter. It was Simpson's round. Simpson was far superior in the last round, and landed heavily to the face and body. Simpson won. Pte. Block was awarded a good loser's half point.

Pte. Woollcott, A., *v.* Pte. Grint, B. This fight was so very tame, in the first round that the referee told the contestants that it was impossible for the judges to award points if they didn't box. Many blows were exchanged by both men, but they were light and ineffective. The second round was a repetition of the first. In the third round, Grint was the aggressor. Grint won.

FEATHERWEIGHTS—(SEMI-FINAL).

Dmr. Newman, W.W., *v.* Pte. Cooper, A. The first round was well fought with Cooper the aggressor, and the better boxer, but Newman sent some good rights to the jaw. Newman fought better in this round, but the honours went to Cooper. Newman was so badly cut over the right eye, he retired at the end of the second round.

Pte. Malcombe, C., *v.* Dmr. Bowles, W.W. A fine round in which the honours were fairly even, Bowles often nullifying his opponents swings with his fine defence. In the second round, Malcombe led often with his left and did most of the fighting, but Bowles defended skilfully. After a fine third round, Bowles was declared the winner.

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS—(SEMI-FINAL).

Pte. Eaton, A., *v.* Pte. Stepherd, C. The first round was fairly even, with Eaton slightly better. Eaton continued this slight superiority in the second round. Early in the third round Eaton's left eye was cut by Shepherd's right glove Both men fought hard and well in this round. Eaton won narrowly on points.

Pte. Problits, A., *v.* Pte. England, D. Problits was the aggressor in the first round and continually forced his opponent to the ropes. England, however, got home some neat lefts. Problits won the second round easily and continued to deal out heavy punishment in the third round, and gained the verdict.

WELTERWEIGHTS—(SEMI-FINALS).

Sergt. Nolan of "B" Company was incapacitated and could not fight Pte. Mann, "A," in one of the semi-finals. The latter fought a no-decision three round bout with Pte. Whitfield, B. The fight was an amusing farce.

Pte. Grant, D., *v.* Pte. Pooley, A. Grant was seen in some whirlwind rushes when he landed heavily with the right. He, however, was often forced back and received nastly rights to the face from his harder hitting opponent. Pooley punished his opponent heavily in the second round, and Grant gave up.

LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Pte. Simmonds, B, *v.* Pte. Williamson, A. Williamson knocked his opponent out in the first round.

Cpl. Choules, D, *v.* Pte. Ditch, A. The private had the better of the early exchanges in the first round, but the corporal then became aggressive and scored well and often. Choules was sent down twice with well-aimed lefts to the chin in the second round, but previously to that he had been the aggressor. Ditch received a nastly cut over the left eye in the last round. The Corporal won narrowly.

THE BOYS' CONTEST.

After the interval, a special four-round bout was fought between two boys of the Garrison School, Boy Ramsay and Boy Massey. The first round saw Ramsey on the aggressive and hitting hard and often, but Massey defended well. In the second round, Ramsey's straight left was much in evidence, and in the third he landed often. Massey though not as aggressive as his opponent was a fine stylist. Massey was knocked down in the third round, and Ramsey won.

FINALS.

Fly-weights. Pte. Mabey, C., *v.* Pte. Quelch, A. Mabey continually found his opponent's mouth with his left and eventually drew blood. Just before the round ended, Quelch sent home a stinging right to the ear. The second round was poor, with Quelch slightly superior. Few blows were landed in the third round, both boxers blocking each other's thrusts continually. Mabey won.

BANTAMWEIGHTS.

Pte. Simpson, W.W., *v.* Pte. Grint, B. Both boxers missed badly in the early stages, after which both landed heavily and frequently. Simpson wore his man down and knocked him out before the round ended.

(*Continued on next Column*).

SUPREME COURT.

CHINESE PROBATE CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The probate action concerning the goods of Chan Yui (deceased) in which the concubine denies the right of Chan Yeung to a grant of letters of administration was continued in the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., with Mr. Elsley Zeitlyn (instructed by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo) appeared for the defendant.

In this case the claim is made on the ground that plaintiff is the natural brother of the deceased, who died intestate, and that plaintiff is the only adult next-of-kin and is therefore the rightful guardian of two sons.

Further evidence for plaintiff was called by Mr. Alabaster, and His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

PUGILISTIC POSTMAN.

FINED FOR ASSAULTING A BUS CONDUCTOR.

Two postmen appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday on a charge of having assaulted a bus conductor. One was discharged there being no evidence against him.

Complainant said that on the 30th April the two postmen were travelling in the bus of which he was conductor. He was asked to stop at the Kowloon Fire Station and he refused because buses were forbidden to stop at this spot. When he eventually stopped at the Post Office the first defendant pulled him out and assaulted him.

Defendant said that he asked complainant to stop at the Post Office and he refused. Complainant refused to give an explanation, so he pulled him from the bus, whereupon he was struck and he retaliated.

An official of the G.P.O. said defendant was of good character and had been on the staff for four years. A fine of $5 was imposed.

PILING THE POSTERS.

MAGISTRATE COMPLAINS TO THE POLICE.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a coolie was charged with obstruction by dumping advertisement posters at the Star Ferry. Mr. Hamilton himself had complained about it to the police. The sandwich boards belonged to Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., the coolie being in the firm's employ. The boards were said to be leaning against a lamp post.

A police sergeant stated that the manager of the firm had informed him that the coolies were told to carry the boards. Defendant said he was told to place them against the lamp standard.

Defendant was discharged with a caution.

FEATHERWEIGHTS.

Drummer Bowles, W.W., *v.* Pte. Cooper, A. Cooper led frequently with his left, but for the most part was content to defend himself from the onslaughts of his more vigorous opponent. Bowles landed heavy rights to the face and body in the first round. Bowles was superior in the second round, particularly in the latter part, when Cooper was forced back continually. Bowles took the maximum number of points in the third round, and often shook his opponent with straight lefts. Bowles won.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS.

Pte. Eaton, A, *v.* Pte. Problits, A. The first round was easily Eaton's, Problits being heavily punished. The honours of the second round were also won by Eaton, he doing the maximum of the attacking and hittin. Eaton continued to force the fighting in the third round and was an easy winner. Problits was awarded a good loser's half-point.

WELTERWEIGHTS.

Pte. Mann, B, *v.* Pte. Pooley, A. In the first round, Pooley hit hard and often to the point. His defence was also very fine. Both men exchanged heavy blows in the second round, but Mann swung too much, whereas Pooley was sure. Pooley was also superior in the third round and won.

LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Pte. Williamson, A, *v.* Cpl. Charles, D. Williamson got on the aggressive immediately and floored his opponent, who rose only to be knocked out with a terrific right.

LIGHT HEAVIES.

Pte. Roberts, A, *v.* Pte. Nepper, C. The first round saw both men exchanging heavy blows, with Roberts mostly on the aggressive. The second round was also a slogging match, Roberts being vastly shaken once with a right to the ear, but, he kept up his aggressive tactics. Nepper had the better of the third round, and shook Roberts with a terrific right. He was the aggressor in this round and totally discomfited his opponent. Nepper won.

CARTLIDGE *v.* SHADDOCK.

It was announced last night that C.P.O. Cartlidge, R.N., had accepted the challenge of A.B. Shaddock, of H.M.A.S. *Brisbane*, to fight for the Light-Weight Championship of the Colony. The *Brisbane* is expected back here in June, but it is not likely that arrangements can be made for the fight to take place before the end of September at the earliest.

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THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's Offices, CHINA BUILDINGS (Fourth Floor, East Side), Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, 16th MAY, 1925, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

(a) To receive and consider the annual statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st March, 1925.
(b) To elect Directors in the place of those retiring by rotation and an auditor.
(c) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
(d) To sanction the issue of 9,000 Preferred Ordinary Shares of $10 each ranking equally with the Preferred Ordinary Shares already issued, the conditions of issue to be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
(e) To transact any other ordinary business of the company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th day of MAY to the 16th day of May both inclusive.

Dated 9th day of May, 1925.

By Order,
M. W. STEVENS,
Secretary.

2188] China Buildings, Hongkong.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above named Company will be held in the Company's Offices, CHINA BUILDINGS (Fourth Floor, East Side), on the 16th day of May, 1925, at 12.15 o'CLOCK, in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit passing as an Extraordinary Resolution, the Resolution following:—

"That there be added to Article 151 (c) of the Articles of Association of the Company the following clause:

The Board of Directors shall have power from time to time to permit any Permanent Director who shall be absent from the Colony, for more than One Month at any one time to delegate by Power of Attorney under seal his office of a Director to any Shareholder not being a Director but holding the qualification of a Director and such Attorney shall thereupon be enabled to serve on the Board of Directors in the stead of the Director during his absence as aforesaid."

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which will be held at the same place and hour on the 30TH day of MAY, 1925.

Dated 9th day of May, 1925.

By Order,
M. W. STEVENS,
Secretary.

2189] China Buildings, Hongkong.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at the Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 1925, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from MAY 16TH to MAY 29TH both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1925. [2191

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 1925, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 16TH to MAY 29TH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May, 8th 1925. [2191A

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 1925, 12.20 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 16TH to MAY 29TH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1925. [2191B

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

WEATHER and Ground permitting it is hoped to carry out the following Programme in the

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamship "DESSAU" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after 14th May, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, at 10 a.m., on the 13th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents,
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN
Hongkong, May 8th, 1925. [2187

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 14TH MAY, 1925, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 1ST to the 14TH MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2146

HONGKONG AND TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "ST. GEORGE'S" BUILDING, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 20TH MAY, 1925, at 12 o'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 15th January, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 9TH MAY, 1925, until WEDNESDAY, the 20TH MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1925. [2172

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for The FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 30TH MAY, and MONDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1925 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.

Entries will Close at 12 o'CLOCK NOON on SATURDAY, 16TH MAY, 1925. [2163

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1925.

THE Board having declared An INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling per Share Free of Income Tax for the Year ending 30TH JUNE, 1925, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends on presenting No. 26 Coupon of the Bearer Shares; and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to any of the following Banks:—

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E. J. NATHAN,
Acting General Manager,
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.
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ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY,
HONGKONG.

WELSH People desirous of joining the Society are Requested to communicate with the Undersigned.

D. DAVIES,
2181] Hon. Secretary.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

CLUB COMPETITIONS, 1925.

MEMBERS are Reminded that Entry Forms for CLUB COMPETITIONS, SEASON 1925 are Now Posted in the CLUB HOUSE. All Entries CLOSE on MONDAY, 11TH MAY.

B. WYLIE,
2145] Hon. Secretary.

TAXIS.

NO CHITS Taken. Customers are Requested to Pay the Proper Amount of Fare as the Company Cannot undertake to give Change. [2178

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, QUEEN'S BUILDING, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18TH DAY OF MAY, 1925, at 11 o'CLOCK in the FORENOON, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, viz:—

"(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following that is to say by the deletion of Article 17 and by the substitution therefor of the following Article namely:—

"17.—So long as the issued capital of "the Company shall not exceed "$6,000,000, no Member shall be "entitled to be registered as the Holder "of more than 8,000 Shares of the "Company. Should the issued Capital "of the Company be increased beyond "$6,000,000 the Number of Shares in "respect of which a Member shall be "entitled to be registered shall be "increased proportionately, but No "Member shall be entitled to be register "ed in respect of a fraction of a Share".

(2) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now $3,000,000 consisting of 60,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of $50 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to $10,000,000 by the creation of 140,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of $50 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(3) That 60,000 of the said 140,000 New Shares be offered in the First instance (in the proportion of one new share for every old share held by them respectively) to the Members of the Company who on the 10th day of June, 1925, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the Holders of the said 60,000 Old Shares at a Premium of $10 per Share.

(4) That the aforesaid offer be made to Member by Notice specifying the number of new shares to which a Member is entitled. That a member whose registered address is situate in the Far East or his nominee shall pay for such new shares accepted by two instalments, *i.e.* One Instalment of $30 per New Share to be paid on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, and a further instalment of $30 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of October, 1925, and such Member or his Nominee who has not accepted and lodged with Company's Bankers the first instalment due on such new shares on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, will be deemed to have declined That a Member whose registered address is situate outside the Far East or his Nominee shall pay for such new shares accepted by Two Instalments, *i.e.* one instalment of $30 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of September, 1925, together with interest calculated at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the total amount then payable for the period from the 15th day of July, 1925, until the date of receipt of payment by the Company's Bankers and a further Instalment of $30 per New Share to be paid on or before before the 15th day of December, 1925, together with interest calculated at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the total amount then payable for the period from the 15th day of October 1925, until the date of actual receipt of payment by the Company's. Bankers and such Member outside the Far East or his Nominee who has not accepted and lodged with the Company's Bankers the first instalment due on such New Shares on or before the 15th day of September, 1925, together with interest as aforesaid will be deemed to have declined. The Directors shall have the right to reject any Nominee.

(5) That such of the said 60,000 New Shares as shall be accepted by Members both in and outside the Far East shall ~~ris-a-vis~~ the said 60,000 Old Shares rank for dividend as from the 15th day of July, 1925 to the extent of one half of the nominal value of such New Shares and as from the 14th day of October, 1925, equally with the said 60,000 Old Shares.

(6) That any of the said 60,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid and the remaining 80,000 unissued new shares may be issued and disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as to ranking for dividend and otherwise as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that A Further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at its Registered Office aforesaid on TUESDAY, the 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 1925, at 11 o'CLOCK in the FORENOON for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and confirming if thought fit as Special Resolutions the above mentioned Resolutions.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1925 to WEDNESDAY, the 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated the 4th day of May, 1925.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

VISIT OF AMERICAN DAVIS CUP PLAYERS.

12TH, 13TH & 14TH MAY.

BOOKING of Reserved Seats at $1.50 each will Open at MESSRS. MOUTRIE & Co., at 8.30 A.M., on FRIDAY, 8TH MAY. [2183

MATTHEW JOHN DENMAN STEPHENS, DECEASED.

ALL Claims against the Estate of the above Deceased must be Sent to the Undersigned forthwith.

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1925. [2177

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 9TH, 1925.

CHINA'S 'NATIONAL DAY OF HUMILIATION.'

IT would be easy to get an exaggerated view of the importance of the efforts made on Thursday by the students organisations in China to have the day observed as "A Day of National Humiliation,"—May 7th being the anniversary of the China's acceptance, under an ultimatum, of the "Twenty-one Demands" preferred by Japan in 1915. Great efforts were made last year by the student politicians of China to get this day established in the calendar. A complete stoppage of work and the hoisting of the national flag at half-mast throughout the country was suggested, in addition to the closing of theatres, cinemas and places of public entertainment. Every shop and residence was invited to paste on its door a slip of white paper (signifying mourning), inscribed with characters representing the injunction: "'Do not forget the national disgrace." Traders were requested to stamp all their wrapping paper, bills of account and bank notes with this injunction, and the Chinese newspapers were requested to print the characters in bold type on their front page. The whole subject was a live question last year as the Chinese Government had made a futile effort to get the Treaty abrogated, and Dairen and Port Arthur surrendered by Japan to China. "Group V." of the "Demands" or "Aspirations," which were "postponed for later negotiation" when the Treaty of 1915 were signed, was formally withdrawn and renounced in 1923, and it was generally considered by reasonable people that Japan, by doing this, went about as far as she could reasonably be expected to do in the way of conciliating Chinese public opinion, having regard to the state of chaos which has so long prevailed in China. Perhaps it was this consideration that caused the effort to make "the day of mourning" something of a fiasco. Students groups "demonstrated," and that was all. Japan took no official notice of the incident. We do not know to what extent the "Day of National Humiliation" was observed on Thursday in China. No preparations on the same scale as last year appear to have been made, but we have the word of our vernacious Canton contemporary for it that there would be "huge parades" in "thousands of places throughout the country." Canton, of course, had an organised demonstration, as "a public reminder of the infamous 21 demands of imperialistic Japan." Street parades have become a popular pastime in Canton, and nobody now-a-days counts them as having serious political significance. Chief interest in the matter centres in the cable from Peking which tells us that while the Peking police authorities were exerting themselves to prevent students from holding mass meetings or demonstrations. "FENG YU HSIANG'S forces fired a salute of 32 guns and sang the national humiliation song in all their barracks." While this cable is interesting as revealing, to say the least, a lack of harmonious co-operation between the civil and military authorities in the capital, one can hardly resist the suspicion, in view of the rumours of impending hostilities between General FENG and Marshal CHANG TSO LIN, that this provocative action on the part of FENG's troops in Peking has an inward significance which has yet to be disclosed. What Marshal CHANG's attitude towards these anti-Japanese demonstrations is it would be interesting at the moment to know, for, as the Uncrowned King of Manchuria, he has a very special interest in Japan's policy in China and especially in her claims under the Treaty to the retention of Dairen and Port Arthur. In all the circumstances, there would seem to be just a possibility that there lies behind FENG's salute of 32 guns on "the day of mourning," something in the nature of a challenge to his rival. Japan can hardly fail to take official notice of the incident, and presumably the Government at Peking which rests upon the military support of Marshal CHANG TSO LIN will look to him to furnish the explanation.

There has been a bad epidemic of small-pox in Calcutta during the past few months. The Medical Officer describes the outbreak as widespread and severe, resembling the bad outbreak of 1909.

The Canton Government has decided to "modernise" Waichou, the former stronghold of General Chen Chiung Ming. The city walls are to be demolished and wide roads constructed in their place.

The annual meeting of worshippers at the Peak Church will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 5.15 p.m. The meeting is being called to pass accounts and elect officials.

The opium revenue of the Straits Settlements for the first quarter of this year was $2,804,822 as against $3,226,185 for the corresponding quarter of last year. Liquors and tobacco show slight increases.

The three Chinese who were charged with having committed an armed robbery at Ta Ku Ling on April 13th were committed to the next Sessions by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

A Chinese woman, aged 70 years, who was knocked down in Queen's Road Central on Thursday, by a P.W.D. motor-lorry, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries.

The Manager of the Tai Woo Lung Bakery, has made a report to the police that a salesman, employed by him, collected the sum of $261.94 at the Hongkong Hotel on April 13th and has absconded with the money.

A Chinese woman of 41, Hollywood Road, 1st floor, reports to the police that on Thursday morning, someone entered her house through the verandah door, which was open, and stole money and jewellery valued at $264.

A black chow dog, belonging to a Chinese residing at 133, Kee Lung Street, Sham-Shui-Po, has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation. The dog, it appears, bit a child, who was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

As a result of the gold franc settlement Kwangtung and Shanghai Universities are said to have benefitted to the extent of $500,000. The Chinese press says that other "institutions of higher learning" will be given proportionate grants.

A shop assistant employed at the Der A. Wing Company's shop in Des Voeux Road Central, has reported to the police that between 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday, some person stole from his coat, which was hanging on a peg in the above premises, a gold finger ring set with diamonds and valued at $851.

The Mount Everest picture will be showing at The Star Theatre on Tuesday morning, May 12th, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, for Kowloon School children. Principals of schools are requested to get into touch with Hongkong Amusements (C. 4308), to say how many of their scholars will attend. This will be the only showing at Kowloon for local children.

The "students and political workers" of Canton celebrated another "national humiliation day" on Thursday, May 7th, being the anniversary of the presentation of Japan's famous "Twenty-one Demands" to China in 1915. There was a parade through the streets with flags and inscribed banners "to remind the people once and again how Japan sought to enslave and to make of our country another Korea, in pursuance of its imperialistic policy and military lust of conquest."

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

SCHEME GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE.

The scheme to establish an Industrial Home for Chinese, which has been under discussion for the past three years and of which the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and his friends are the sponsors, is now taking definite shape. A site has been secured at Stanly.

The promoters hope to raise $500,000 of which $100,000 will be utilized for construction purposes.

The balance of $400,000 it is understood, will be set aside as an Endowment Fund, interest on which it is hoped, will in great measure pay for the annual upkeep.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has already promised a donation of $100,000, and Government is expected to grant financial aid as soon as the Home is established.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

PUBLIC APPEAL FOR ORGAN FUND.

We are asked to draw attention to an appeal issued by the Church Body of St. John's Cathedral for funds to put the organ into a thorough state of repair. The condition of the instrument has been giving the Church authorities much concern of late and it has been found necessary for parts of the organ, which have been in use practically ever since it was first built—40 years ago—to be replaced. The cost of the absolutely necessary work is about $4,000 and includes:—

(a) New sound boards to Grate, Swell and Choir organ;
(b) Overhauling pedal sound boards and pedal action;
(c) New wind trunks throughout;
(d) Removing the obsolete reservoirs and reconstructing a swell reservoir.

A more extensive scheme, costing about $10,000,—has also been submitted which includes, in addition to the first scheme, adding a pneumatic Console, pedals and accessories, also a new Draw-stop action. New pedal sound boards throughout.

After most careful consideration it has been decided to adopt the larger scheme as it will not be satisfactory to fit the new and important parts of the organ, that form the first scheme, to the old Console and action. Sooner or later the present Console, which already requires constant adjustment, will have to be replaced and the cost of doing this at first will be considerably less than if done later on. The Cathedral organ being a very valuable one and an institution in the Colony, it is hoped that all who attend the Cathedral services and recitals, the latter are to be resumed when the organ is repaired, will subscribe liberally to the Fund. It is not intended in future to make any further appeals in connection with the organ to the congregation of the Cathedral and the public, as it is believed that any work required can be paid for out of the general funds. The desire of the Church Body is that, on this occasion, all those interested in the music of the Cathedral may have an opportunity of making contribution according to their means so that the cost may be distributed as widely as possible.

Contributions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Harry Wicking and Co.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH FOOD COMMISSION.

ONE MAJORITY, TWO MINORITY REPORTS ISSUED.

LONDON, May 8th.

The Food Commission has issued one majority and two minority reports. The minority reports are signed by T. H. Ryland and W. R. Smith respectively.

The majority report principally recommends the establishment of a food council to maintain containing supervision of staple food prices.

In connexion with port charges on wheat it recommends the Port Authorities carefully to consider rates in view of making reductions in the near future.

It favours compulsory registration of retail butchers and endorses the recommendation of the Linlithgow Committee that cold-storage proprietors should be required to furnish statistics of stocks of meat cold-stored, to be published at the Food Council's discretion.

WATCH ARGENTINE EXPORTS.

It recommends that the Council closely watch future developments in connection with the import of meat from the Argentine; since it is of opinion it may be necessary for the British Government to intervene—by acquiring a controlling interest in British Companies operating in Argentina—or by other means, if the supply of chilled and frozen meat to Britain should be dominated by adverse trading combinations.

It is of opinion that Government may wish to discuss with the Dominion Governments the possibility of encouraging, in the interest of the producer and consumer, the flow of food from the Dominions to markets in Britain.

Finally it recommends that Government should exercise its influence to ensure the Economic Section of the League of Nations continuously studying international food problems and the preparation of periodical reports for submission to the League Council.

The majority report points out that there is no evidence presented to support the suggestion that the international wheat trade is controlled by a small number of firms, exploiting the needs of consumers.

THE SMITH REPORT.

Mr. Smith's minority report is very lengthy.

It recommends the Government to assume open responsibility for the supplies and prices of food; the centralisation of the import of wheat and flour in the hands of a statutory Import Board acting on behalf of the whole community; the similar centralisation of meat by carrying out the recommendations of the Bridgeman and Macrosty, Committees, with regard to the public acquisition of freezing works in South America by Britain.

The milling industry should be formed into a statutory corporation, in which present millowners would hold debentures, Government holding the majority of ordinary shares.

The local authorities should be empowered to open municipal bread and meat shops and require the licensing of retailers in their areas.

THE RYLAND REPORT.

Mr. Ryland's minority report objects to the establishment of a Food Council, as a definite advance in the direction of State Socialism, thereby imposing a heavy burden on the tax-payer and entailing the serious risk of increasing the cost of the people's food.

NEW SILK TAXES.

CONCESSIONS NOW CONSIDERED MOST PROBABLE.

LONDON, May 8th.

Signs are not wanting that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is considering concessions regarding the silk tax, in view of the persistence of the industrialists' onslaught.

The principal modifications anticipated by the newspapers are:

Firstly, the exemption of imported raw silk.

Secondly, the reduction of the duty to twenty per cent. where the imported article is partly made of silk.

Thirdly, at least 50 per cent. reduction on the excise duty on artificial silk.

EARLIER CABLES.

HAT MAKERS' PROTEST.

LONDON, May 7th.

A Luton hat industry deputation has waited on the Treasury, urging the exemption from the silk duties of the plait in which one per cent. of silk is used, merely for the purpose of facilitating its manufacture.

EARLIER CABLES.

CAMPAIGN IN MOROCCO.

FRENCH OPERATIONS CONTINUED AGAINST RIFFS.

PARIS, May 7th.

News from Rabat states that the casualties of Colonel Freydenburg's force in the recent fighting with the Riffs were thirteen killed, mostly natives, and a hundred wounded.

Water in the form of ice blocks conveyed by aeroplanes has been taken to four or five French posts besieged in the district of Biban.

LATEST CABLES.

ANXIETY PARTIALLY ALLAYED.

PARIS, May 8th.

The reports of Colonel Freydenburg's successes in Morocco have only partially allayed the growing apprehensions that a big campaign lies ahead of the French forces.

General Colombat with a column arrived before Bibane and encountered solidly organised Riff forces and successives lines of trenches, covered by remarkably accurate artillery fire hitherto practically unknown in Morocco. This suggests that Europeans are working the native guns.

The latest news indicates that the French have stemmed the enemy advance, though a number of French posts are still besieged.

A "SEMI-MODERN ARMY"

PARIS, May 8th,

Le Matin says that Abd El Krim's supprise attack against the French zone was made by a semi-modern army, equipped with quick-firing guns, about 50 heavy guns, a few tanks and six aeroplanes. The objective was to cut the Fez-Tazza railway; then rouse the subject tribes against the French.

A successful surprise attack is no longer possible in consequence of the hurrying of reinforcements from Algeria; and the work relieving the French position will continue methodically.

The French counter-offensive, however, will not extend beyond the French zone.

CLEARING UP OPERATIONS.

PARIS, May 8th.

According to the papers, it appears that Abd El Krim hurled an attack against the French zone in order to cut the Fez to Tazza railway line, but the offensive has been broken down and the situation is settled.

Clearing up operations are progressing methodically.—*Havas.*

THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

ON SLOW BUT DEFINITE ROAD TO CONVALESCENCE.

LONDON, May 8th.

To-day's bulletin states that the Princess Royal continues to make slow, but definite progress on the road to convalescence.

SITUATION IN ITALY.

COMMUNIST PERIL IS BEING CAREFULLY WATCHED.

ROME, May 8th.

During the Senate debate on the estimates of the Ministry of the Interior, the Government spokesman, Signor Federzoni, said that a remarkable, comforting improvement had shown itself in the internal situation.

The dangers threatening the State were still not inconsiderable, but the Government's determination and keen watchfulness had prevented the Communist peril at present becoming active.

INDIAN SHRINE DISPUTE.

TROUBLE IS IN FAIR WAY OF SETTLEMENT.

LAHORE, May 8th.

The dispute over shrines, which has agitated the Sikh community for 3 years, seems in a fair way of settlement by means of a Bill dealing with the management of shrines.

The Bill has been introduced as a private measure in the Punjab Council and unlike its two predecessors, it was received with a chorus of approval, in which Muslims, Hindus and the Official Members joined.

EUROPA UNION COMPANY.

LATEST COMBINE OF AIR SERVICE TRANSPORT CATERERS.

BERLIN, May 8th.

A large number of German and foreign companies are now conducting air services across Europe. For example the Junkers, Swiss Aero, Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Esthonian Aero Companies have formed a combine, called the "Europa Union Company," under the leadership of the Junkers Company.

The capital of the new company is 50,000 marks, which will shortly be increased to 10,000,000 marks.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

MR. CHURCHILL EXPLAINS SERIES OF BALANCES.

LONDON, April 7th.

The House of Commons has completed the report stage of the McKenna duties.

Mr. Churchill in the course of the debate said the Budget was a series of balances. The silk tax paid for the remission of earned income, while the McKenna duties paid for Imperial Preference remissions.

The question of protection was not involved.

The new silk duties will be discussed on Monday.

LATE LORD LEVERHULME.

OWN HOLDINGS NOT TO BE PLACED ON MARKET.

LONDON, May 7th.

The market for Lever shares is somewhat depressed after the announcement of the death of Lord Leverhulme, but mainly for sympathetic reasons. Although Lord Leverhulme was regarded as the Dominating spirit, his control of the business was really circumscribed. Every department and subsidiary company had its own managers and directors, and the business will not be interrupted for a moment.

No single man is likely to have sole control.

It is stated in Liverpool that Lord Leverhulme's own holding of shares in Lever brothers will not be placed on the market.

ALLEGED MURDER PLOT.

RECENT DANGER THREATENING MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

CAREFUL ATTENTION TO WARNING.

LONDON, May 7th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. Day, who drew attention to the recently discovered plot against Mr. Austen Chamberlain mentioned on April 29th, Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks said he did not think it was in the public interest to make a statement on the subject, except to say that careful attention was given to any warning received, and all necessary precautions taken to guard against any contingency of the kind, however apparently remote.

DUMPING FROM CONTINENT.

TRAFFIC BY PARCELS POST ON INCREASE.

LONDON, May 7th.

The dumping of continental goods at Dover is not confined to watches, clocks and gramophones.

Since the Budget speech, the traffic in silk from Italy, Switzerland and Vienna by parcels post express, which is the quickest method, has considerably increased.

SIR DOVETON STURDEE.

ILL TWO WEEKS BEFORE HIS DEATH.

LONDON, May 7th.

The late Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee, whose death is reported in an earlier telegram, had been suffering from meningo encephalitis for a fortnight.

BOLSHEVIST AGENTS.

SOFIA AUTHORITIES OBTAIN CONFESSIONS.

SOFIA, May 7th.

The authorities state that in consequence of the arrest of the leaders of various illegal organisations, the Sofia police now hold all the threads of the clandestine activities by the Agrarian Communist committee.

Some of the prisoners have admitted that they are Bolshevist agents, and received the sum of fifteen thousand *lera* monthly.

Stores and explosives sent from Russia have been discovered in Bourgas.

GENEVA CONFERENCE.

GAS AND GERMS MAY BE TERMED ARMS.

GENEVA, May 7th.

A proposal was submitted at the sitting of the general committee of the international conference on the control of traffic in arms, that various deleterious gases be included under the description "arms" also that there be prohibition of the use of bacteria.

These were referred to the technical committee, which will meet *in camera* under presidency of General Soaknowski of Poland.

FOOTBALL IN AUSTRALIA.

ENGLISH SOCCER TEAM WIN FIRST MATCH.

PERTH, May 7th.

The English soccer team opened its Australian tour by defeating Perth, by eight goals to *nil*.

AMERICAN COTTON.

RESTRICTED SPINNING IS ONCE AGAIN ORDERED

LONDON, May 7th.

Owing to the seriousness of the position in the American spinning section of the cotton industry, the Federation of Master Cottonspinners Association has circularised its members asking them to pledge their loyalty to a thirty-five hour working week.

GOLD IN KAMCHATKA.

SOVIET GRANTS CONCESSION TO BRITISH CONCERN.

Moscow, May 8th.

A concession has been granted to a British concern, the Ayan Corporation, to exploit the gold-fields of Okhotsk, in Kamchatka.

The Company pays on the basis of the area worked and also surrenders 5 per cent. of the output to the Soviet.

POTASH IN ALSACE.

FRENCH AND GERMANS REACH AN AGREEMENT.

PARIS, May 7th.

The Alsace potash mines organisation announces that the French and German potash interests have reached an agreement, which gives rise to a belief in the future of a permanent fusion of the interests concerned being reached, safeguarding their rights all over the world.

HOME RACING.

VICTORY FOR KING'S HORSE IN DEE STAKES.

LONDON, May 7th.

At Chester races to-day, Derby candidates gained the first three places in the Dee Stakes (1½ miles), which fell to the King's nomination, Runnymede. The result was:

H.M. The King's Runnymede 1
Lord Rosebery's Tissaphernes..... 2
Mr. Sol Joel's Glommen 3

Six horses ran. Won by 3 lengths, 2 lengths separating second and third.

The field included two other Derby candidates in Roidore and the Aga Khan's Ayaz.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION BILL.

LONDON, May 7th.

The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Empire Exhibition Bill, which has received the Royal assent.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE ENDS.

SYDNEY, May 7th.

The engine drivers at Walsh Island, who went on strike on April 24th, are resuming work on the old terms.

LATEST CABLES.

[*REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.*]

HAWAIIAN MANŒUVRES.

UMPIRES ISSUE BRIEF REPORT OF CONCLUSIONS DRAWN.

NEW YORK, May 8th.

Following the Hawaiian manœuvres, the umpires issued a brief *communiqué*, in which it is acknowledged that the operations disclosed deficiencies in the Island defences as well in the Fleet.

Unofficial details of the shortcomings mention the necessity of deepening Pearl Harbour; and state that the aircraft bases are overcrowded and inadequate, while the deficiency of troops and heavy guns and communications were revealed at Oahu, where the garrison requires doubling in order to repulse a theoretically possible landing force of 40,000 men.

EARLIER CABLES.

RADIO PHOTOGRAPHY.

PICTURES SENT BY WIRELESS OVER 5,000 MILES.

NEW YORK, May 7th.

Photographs of the recent navy manoeuvres have been successfully wirelessed over five thousand miles from Honolulu.

The whole operation occupied twenty minutes. The reproductions are excellent.

Three stretches of telegraph wire were used, two laps of the journey being covered by wireless.

EXPENSES OF NURMI.

ALLEGED TO BE BEYOND REASON.

NEW YORK, May 7th.

The Amateur Athletic Union has temporarily cancelled a number of Paavo Nurmi's engagements, following a charge by officials of the Drake relay meeting of exorbitant demands for expenses alleged to have been made by his manager.

The allegation is strenuously denied by the manager, who is now leaving for New York to submit his accounts.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

PRESBYTERIANS WANT NO SHARE WITHOUT CHINESE APPROVAL.

LONDON, May 8th.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England at a meeting in London, acting on the report of the Foreign Missions' Committee, decided not to ask for any share of the Boxer Indemnity.

They hoped that no action would be taken in England, which would give ground for the idea that advantage was being taken of China's present condition to exploit her for other peoples' benefit.

The speaker said if they were offered any share of the indemnity, they would demand whether Chinese public opinion approved of their having it. (Cheers.)

EARTHQUAKES IN MANILA.

DAMAGE REPORTED TO SUGAR ESTATES.

MANILA, May 8th.

Damage from earthquakes is reported in the Isabela sugar district of Central Negros, and also at Dumaguete. The quakes are reported to be the most severe for many years.

At Iloilo, the residents are panicky as there have been more than fifty shocks registered in three days. There was a slight after-shock to-day.

FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

M. DALADIER MAY BECOME NEXT GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

PARIS, May 8th.

According to *L'Eclair*, M. Daladier, who was formerly Minister of the Colonies, will be appointed Governor-General of French Indo-China.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

"HUMILIATION DAY."

THE PEKING POLICE PREVENT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS.

PEKING, May 7th,

"Humiliation Day" is not being celebrated to-day to any great extent. The police have prevented the students from holding mass meeting or demonstrations.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's forces fired a salute of 22 guns and sang the national humiliation song in all their barracks.

BANDIT SUPPRESSION.

FOREIGNERS WARNED NOT TO TRAVEL INLAND.

PEKING, May 7th,

The Minister for Foreign Affairs has written to the American Legation urging that in view of the bandit suppression activites at Suaiyuan and Charhar, foreigners should be advised to refrain from travelling in these districts at present.

SITUATION AT JUCHOW.

AMERICAN CONSUL REPORTS ORDER IS NOW RESTORED.

PEKING, May 7th.

The American Consul at Hsuchow telegraphed saying that the situation at Juchow is much improved and that order has been restored.

The two missionaries, Miss Berglund and Miss Nystul, have been released.

SITUATION IN CANTON.

OUTBREAK IS CONSIDERED TO BE DAILY LIKELY.

PEKING, May 7th.

Recent foreign despatches from Canton report that the situation continues to be tense, with the possibility of an outbreak at any moment.

It was rumoured in Canton yesterday that the siege of Nanning was about to be renewed.

GENERAL HSU'S MISSION.

LONDON, May 7th,

The Chinese Mission, headed by General Hsu, yesterday toured the Liverpool docks.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

AMERICAN LOAN.

The inhabitants of the island of Hainan are circularising information that the politico-militarists dominating their territory have contracted an American loan of $30,000,000 in return for valuable concessions in mines and forest productions of the island. The leading Hainan citizens and students have made formal protest against the reported loan, but information from reliable sources regarding the report has been meagre.

CANTON BOY SCOUTS.

By request of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Association, the Canton Boy Scouts will give an exhibition at Kwangtung University campus, Canton, on May 9th, when some 4,000 scouts are expected to attend.

OIL TAX SEQUEL.

The pro-Kuomintang merchants in Canton supporting the kerosene oil tax of 40 cents on each case have partly succeeded in weakening the present passive opposition of the dealers by importing through Japanese and Russian agencies instead of the Standard Oil, Asiatic Petroleum, Texas, and other European concerns. Despite American and British consular protest against the tax as double duty contrary to treaty provisions, the Canton authorities have decided to enforce it, pointing out that this is an internal subject and duty not within treaty concessions.

MARINE COURT.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR ABSENT WITNESS.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Comdr. C. F. Hole, R.N., Wu Tak, a coolie, of No. 70, Canton Road, who was charged the previous day with loitering on No. 5, Wharg, Kowloon, with evil intent and with being a suspected person and a reputed thief, appeared for judgment.

On the previous day defendant was remanded as he requested that he should be allowed to call a witness to give evidence on his behalf. Yesterday when the case was called, this witness failed to put in an appearance. Asked by His Worship what he wished this witness to say, defendant said that the man could have stated that he (defendant) was employed on the wharf.

Defendant was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

A warrant was also issued for the arrest of the missing witness for contempt of court, as he had failed to appear to give evidence after being subpoenaed to attend. This man, will probably appear before Lieut.-Comdr. Hole this morning.

MANILA COURT MARTIAL.

U.S. OFFICER CHARGED WITH MURDER.

The first sitting of the Court Martial which is trying Lieut. J. S. Thompson, of the U.S. Army, on a charge of murdering Miss Audrey Burleigh on the night of April 4th, took place at Manila on Monday.

Evidence of the *post-mortem* examination was given, and the Court adjourned for three months to await the arrival of depositions taken in the United States.

It is alleged that the accused fired several shots at the girl during a motor-drive after a dance, because she had refused to marry him.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The monthly water return give the storage in the reservoirs supplying the city as 1,079 million gallons on May 1st as against 1,011 million gallons on the same date last year. The consumption, with an intermittent supply up to April 4th and a constant supply during the remainder of the month was 238 millions gallons, against a consumption in April, 1924, of 262 million gallons with a constant supply.

At Kowloon the storage was 191 million gallons as against 151 million gallons in April, 1924.

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SADLER'S WELLS.

TO REVIVE HISTORIC LONDON THEATRE.

It has long been established that the only serious criticism to be made upon the Old Vic. is that there is only one of it. Londoners have to thank it for much pleasure of the best kind, for teaching the rising generation to enjoy great plays and good music, and the English theatre must acknowledge its debt to a fine standard of fidelity in performance and be grateful for many an actor and actress trained to fine accomplishment. But since there is only one Old Vic. but half its time can be given to plays and half to opera. Though it is situated in a position convenient for Central and South London, those who live elsewhere have to make their account with a journey tedious, fatiguing, and costly. The obvious remedy for these defects is that which the Duke of Devonshire suggested recently, the foundation of another Old Vic. north of the Thames. The opportunity of a century is at hand in the chance to buy the freehold of Sadler's Wells Theatre. That house has a history far longer and more significant than the Old Vic. To save it for use as a theatre would be no more than due honour to the memory of great acting and great actors.

Though Londoners' memories are proverbially short, it cannot yet be forgotten that Samuel Phelps reigned at Sadler's Wells. His management there in the middle of last century was one of the most valuable in theatrical history. He may himself have fallen short of genius, but the manner and spirit of his productions were admirable and had great influence, and he was able to put on the stage no fewer than thirty plays of Shakespeare, an achievement far surpassing that of any other theatre till, in 1923, the Old Vic., "by producing its thirty-sixth Shakespeare play, completed the cycle." But before the time of Phelps Sadler's Wells had famous players on its boards. T. P. Cooke, acclaimed for more than a generation as the best of stage sailors, had a great run there for his William in "Black-Eyed Susan." At Sadler's Wells Grimaldi first appeared, and there first he sang "Hot Codlins." The husband of Mrs. Siddons was one of the proprietors, and Kean recited from the stage.

Its more recent years, let us own, have not been worthy of its past. What it was like in the decadence after Phelps, Sir Arthur Pinero has told us in "Trelawney of the Wells." Still more recently it has ceased to be a theatre at all and has come on the market as "a building site suitable for offices or a factory." The committee over which the Duke of Devonshire presides has obtained an option to purchase the ground and structure for £14,200. An architect's estimate puts the amount required for reconstruction and equipment at £45,000. For the sum of £60,000 therefore Sadler's Wells can be re-established as an Old Vic. for North London.

FAMOUS TITIAN FOR THE U.S.

£200,000 PICTURE.

The New York *World* announces that Mr. Joseph Widener, of Philadelphia, has purchased from Earl Spencer's collection Titian's "Venus and Adonis," the value of which is estimated at £200,000.

Mr. Widener, states that he intends to give the Widener collection to the public with an adequate endowment.

The sole purpose of his latest acquisitions, he adds, is towards making the collection "the most distinguished individual art collection possible."

Last January it was announced that six pictures from the Althorp collection of Earl Spencer, including works by Gainsborough, Reynolds, and Vandyck, had been sold as the result of a deal between a wealthy New York man and Messrs. Duveen, the art dealers, of London and New York.

The purchase figure was believed to be more than £300,000.

On that occasion Earl Spencer told a reporter that the sale was necessary owing to heavy demands on the estate for death duties.

The sixth Earl Spencer, father of the present earl, died in September 1922, leaving estate of the gross value of £1,197,826.

A LITERARY HOAX.

SHELLEY GAINS THIRD PRIZE IN POETRY COMPETITION.

All Johannesburg was convulsed recently over a hoax that was prepetrated on three eminent literary authorities who acted as judges in an Anglo-Dutch prize poem competition on behalf of the magazine committee of the Witwatersrand University. It is the fashion just now to extol the quality of the literature that is appearing in Afrikaans (South African Dutch), which has only been used as a literary language during the last few years.

Before a Parliamentary Select Committee the other day, for example, it was claimed that leading Afrikaans writers were equal to the best European authors. A wag thereupon copied out one of Shelley's lyrics, "Time Long Past," and submitted it in competition. The fraued passed undetected. The judges were very critical of Shelley's effort, and found fault with his diction. But as the poem showed some promise, they gave it the third prize. The first and second prizes went to poems in Afrikaans.

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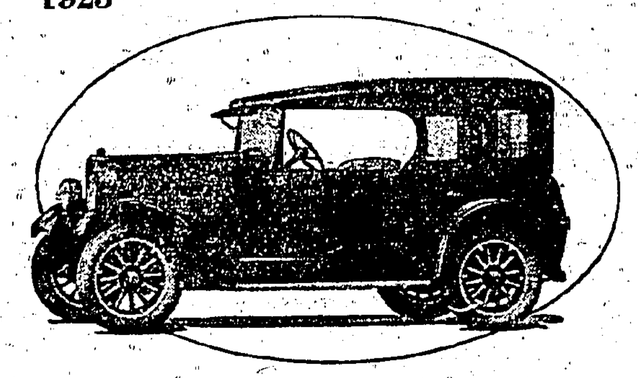

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'MONEY FOR NOTHING' BILL.

MINERS' MINIMUM WAGE ATTEMPT DEFEATED.

The bill promoted by the Miners' Federation, and presented by Mr. Stephen Walsh, to secure for miners a minimum wage of 12s. per shift, failed to obtain a second reading in the House of Commons by a majority of sixty-five.

Mr. Walsh put forward his bill as nothing more than a measure to fix figures so as to carry into effect a principle recognised by the Act of 1912. The miner's standard of life had fallen 20 per cent. below the cost of living compared with pre-war standards, he declared. Unfortunately, Mr. Walsh did not go so far as to tell the House what would be the effect of his bill in the present very serious circumstances. The omission was conspicuous enough to detract materially from the symmetry and the effectiveness of an earnest and warm-hearted speech.

Opposition to the bill was led by Lieut.-Colonel C. Headlam, Unionist member for Barnard Castle, who moved an amendment that the House decline to consider a bill which, while establishing a rigid minmum, "withdrew from those directly concerned the power to settle their own affairs in consultation and conference on conditions prevailing at any given time." Colonel Headlam objected to the bill as untimely, and asserted that what was wanted more than anything else at the moment was to get the employers and the men together to revive and reorganise coalmining and make it into a national industry.

FIGURES AS TO COST.

Some of the figures as to the cost of the bill which Mr. Walsh had failed to produce were supplied by Sir Beddoe Rees, the Liberal member for Bristol South. This was a "money for nothing" bill, he declared, and would add £25,000,000 to the wages bill of the industry, and 2s. a ton to the price of coal. Could the industry stand it? If it could not, daded the hon. member conclusively, it was quite useless to dicuss the bill. Out of the total proceeds of the industry in 1924, a sum of £165,500,000, no less than £152,000,000 went in wages. The small profit made in that year would not nearly meet the new charges which would have to be faced under the bill. The only way to increase wages was for owners and men to combine to increase output and reduce costs of production.

A warning that the House ought not to find consolation in the prospect of agreement in the current negotations was the disquieting message of Mr. Varley, the Labour-Socialist member for Mansfield. He sought to influence the judgment of the House by making its flesh creep with tales of the encouragement that revolutionary movements would receive if the bill were rejected. Sir Robert Horne warned the House that there could be no more unfortunate time in which to institute a minimum wage in the coal industry than the present. Germany had found a use for her brown coal, and was exporting her black coal in vast quantities in competition with us. The coal trade throughout the country last year did no more than meet its costs, and, whatever the merits of the bill, and however much they might desire to see wages increased, this was no time for the fixing of a minimum rate.

STARTLING FACTS.

Startling figures as to the increase of coal output in foreign countries were given to the House by Lieut-Colonel Lane-Fox (Secretary, Mines Department), replying on behalf of the Government. Faced by this severe foreign competition, pits in this country were closing down every day. What were the supporters of the bill going to do to meet even the present situation? he asked. The Government could not be reproached for lack of sympathy with the miners, any more fairly than could the Labour Government be reproached for lack of sympathy with the agricultural workers, when they refused to insert a minimum wage in the bill last year. The House had never inserted such figures in any measure. In the case of the present bill, his department was informed that it would raise the average costs of production by 2s. or 3s. a ton, and in some centres by 4s. and 5s. a ton.

LONDON PERTURBED.

BLUNDERING ABOUT RUBBER POSITION.

It is perfectly natural that Mincing Lane should be perturbed over the fall in London stocks of rubber. The latest messages state that they are now under 15,000 tons, and the assertion is made that the decrease is about 1,000 tons a week. But London can get as much rubber as it pleases if it will pay the price. If producers can sell more advantageously elsewhere and in other ways than London favours, they have not only a right to do it but are right in doing the very best they can for themselves.

The plantation industry does not exist to supply the Mincing Lane brokers with profitable business. Its function is to supply the world's need of rubber, and to compensate rubber shareholders for the lean years through which they have passed. Any Mincing Lane broker who can convince producers that it is to their advantage to sell through him will get business—plenty of it. No broker can hope to get it or has any claim to get it on other conditions, and it is mere childish nonsense to talk of forcing consignments to London in order that the brokers may prosper.

It will not matter the toss of a copper coin to the rubber trade in general if every ton of rubber stocked in London disappears, provided that there is enough rubber stocked elsewhere to meet the world's needs, and talk of grave scarcity just because London stocks have gone down is foolishness. If there were actual scarcity, the price would not wobble feebly round 1s. 9d. It would shoot up to two or three shillings, with promise of even higher rates.—*The Straits Times.*

PROFESSOR'S ESCAPE.

GAS TEST IN CLOSED ROOM.

Professor Harold Maxwell-Lefroy, the entomologist, narrowly escaped death through remaining too long in a room filled with poison gas at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, S.W., while experimenting in fly destruction, last month.

Two assistants found him collapsed in his chair in his study, which he had managed to reach after being "gassed." Oxygen had to be administered for an hour before he was revived.

Professor Maxwell-Lefroy, who has been Professor of Entomology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology since 1912, gave a reporter the following account of his experience:—

For some time we have been experimenting with various substances for killing flies. About a fortnight ago I decided to see what "Lewisite" would do to them. It was invented by an American. "At the end of 1918 it was the last word in poison gas. Our aeroplanes were going to drop it on Berlin, but this was prevented by the signing of the Armistice.

"Lewisite," a brown, odourless liquid, gives off an invisible, odourless vapour. A human being inhaling two hours, I should say—the inner surface of the lungs being burnt and unable to function.

"I carried out my experiment alone at the college, in a room which is fairly small and almost air-tight. I released a number of flies. I then mixed a quantity of "Lewisite" with mineral oil—an action which undoubtedly saved my life. I poured two teaspoonfuls of the liquid into a mechanical spray and pumped the vapour into the air.

FLIES UNAFFECTED.

"When I had finished I started to examine the flies. They rested on the walls, rubbing their hind legs together, apparently quite happy. They seemed to take no notice of the gas, and I was annoyed with them.

"So absorbed was I in watching them that I forgot my danger. When I had been in the room about five minutes I began to feel as if my lungs were getting hot. I pulled the cord of a window, which should have swung open and allowed an inrush of air.

"The cord broke at the top where I could not repair it. I opened the door and warned two men in the library adjoining to clear out as the gas might leak through to them.

"I then went to my private room, but remembered that I had left the spray and the mixture lying about. I returned to the chemical room, cleaned out the spray, and labelled the bottle containing the mixture. I looked at the flies, and they seemed to be still quite happy.

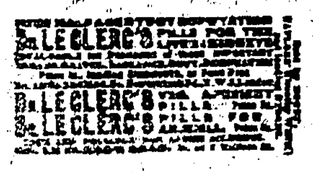
"I have a vague recollection of then going to my own room."

Professor Maxwell-Lefroy describes his symptoms as blistered mouth and windpipe, and a pain "as if I had a red-hot water-bottle in my chest."

TESTS ON SOLDIERS.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, stated in Parliament that no men have suffered lung or other injury through being subjected to poison gas tests at the Chemical Warfare Research Department, Salisbury Plain. He is not prepared to stop the tests.

Since 1918, 188 soldiers, all of whom volunteered and received extra pay, took part in 372 tests which were carried out under stringent regulations framed on the best medical advice.



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KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	"KUMSANG"	Thursday,	14th May,	7 a.m.
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SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Wednesday,	20th May,	Noon.
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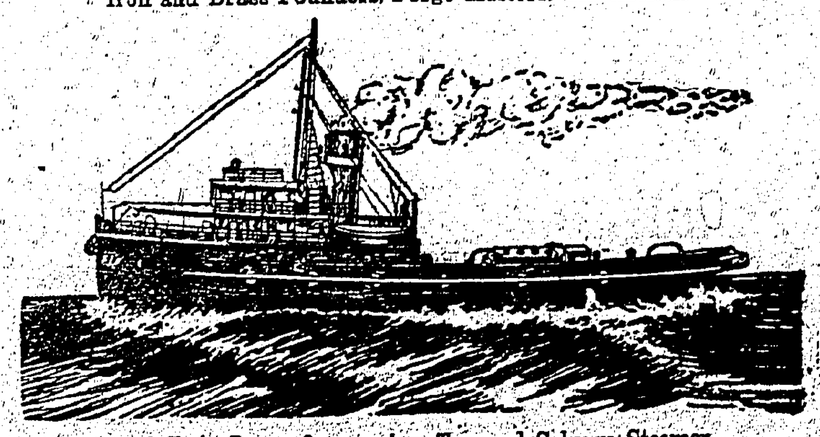

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

May 7th.

Borneo, British str., 1,296 tons, Capt. J. H. van den Berg, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Shun Tai S.S.

Limphaw, French str., 1,416 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Haiphong and Pakhoi, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B22.—Sing Kee.

Mohom, Chilean str., 761 tons, Capt. Chan Chau, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Teen Sing S.S. Co.

Rosandra, Italian str., 4,798 tons, Capt. O. Olivetti, from Singapore, with a a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30.—Dodwell & Co.

Saido Maru, Japanese str., 3,832 tons, Capt. K. Horikawa, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A27.—N.Y.K.

Wahshan, Chilean str., 243 tons, Capt. Chan Nam, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A20.—Sui Lee S.S. Co.

May 8th.

Ajax, British str., 4,235 tons, Capt. C. A. Lakin, from New York and Dalny, with a general cargo, lying at buby No. A2.—B. & S.

Dessau, German str., 6,719 tons, Capt. G. Meyer, from Bremen, Suez and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Melchers & Co.

Hindenburg, German str., 4,596 tons, Capt. J. Finck, from Hamburg *via* Suez and Singapore. She left Hamburg on March 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Reuter Brockelmann & Co.

Hsinwah, Chinese str., from Canton, lying at C.M.S.N. wharf.

Huichow, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. C34.

Lerke, Norwegian str., 678 tons, Capt. G. F. V. Krogh, from Stagen, lying at buoy No. C33.—Puk Tai.

Penang Maru, Japanese str., 5,214 tons, Capt. T. Fujita, from Yokohama, Kobe and Moji. She left Moji on May 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—N.Y.K.

President Jefferson, American str., 8,443 tons, Capt. F. R. Nichols, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—A.O.L.

President Pierce, American str., 8,393 tons, Capt. G. P. January, from Manila, with 2,039 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Pacific Mail.

Suwa Maru, Japanese str., 6,637 tons, Capt. T. Iwamoto, from Japan and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—N.Y.K.

Taito Maru, Japanese str., 1,015 tons, Capt. S. Arai, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49.—Y.K.K.

Tunda, British str., 4,236 tons, Capt. Pilcher, from Australia and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

CLEARANCES.

May 8th.

Chindwin, for Singapore.
Chusan, for Shanghai.
Dessau, for Shanghai.
Fjeldstrand, for Hoihow.
Haihong, for Swatow.
Hindenburg, for Shanghai.
Hsinwah, for Shanghai.
Hwah Chang, for Saigon.
Penang Maru, for Singapore.
Phnompenh, for Saigon.
President Jefferson, for Shanghai.
Suwa Lupa, for Singapore.
Tsuyama Maru, for Shanghai.
Wahshan, for Macao.
Yuetwah, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Presidents Pierce*, on May 8th:—Mr. H. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blackburn, Mr. G. W. Cumming, Mrs. H. Leeds, Mr. R. Shaw, and Mrs. A. Waddell.

Per s.s. *President Jefferson*, on May 8th:—Mr. C. H. Breyer, Mr. M. Burien, Mr. Chua Chi, Bro. P. Van den Coenering, Mr. G. E. Corey, Mr. T. F. Guthrie, Mr. D. Ramandas, Mr. G. Sadhumal, Rev. E. de Wit, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Davis, Mr. S. L. Carnjost, Mr. O. E. Hart, Mr. R. E. Hart, Mr. E. C. Howard, Hon. and Mrs. H. W. Watson, Mr. H. H. Winburg, Mr. P. F. Magagna, Mr. C. Alexander, Mr. J. E. Bell, Mr. L. H. Burke, Dr. G. S. Counts, Dr. C. Jahrling, Miss A. Jahrling, Mr. H. R. Meshleib, Miss M. L. Moelich, Mr. R. C. Overton, Com. W. E. Parker, Mr. E. G. Turner.

Per s.s. *Tunda*, on May 8th:—For Hongkong: Mr. T. S. Killion, Mr. D. Barlow, Mr. J. Peed, Mr. Mezger, Capt. F. J. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. France, Mr. W. Shields, Mr. J. Harvey, Mr. G. Dewhurst, Mr. H. Thorbjornsen, and many Chinese passengers. For Japan: Mrs. J. W. Cartlidge, Mrs. N. M. Fulton, Mr. J. Coppell Lee, Rev. and Mrs. Noble-Mackenzie and four children, Mr. P. T. Susman, Mr. S. Wade, Sir Frederick C. and Lady Gardiner, Mrs. E. and Miss C. M. Bertie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Perry, T. B. Sutton, Mr. F. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lethbridge, Mr. D. S. Warren, and Mr. H. W. Charlick.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Mails arriving in the Colony on Thursday were brought as under:—From Haiphong and Hoihow: s.s. Borneo (8 bags); Hoihow: s.s. *Batavia* (2 bags); Kwangchaw Wan: s.s. *Mohaw* (3 bags); Calcutta and Singapore: s.s. *Saido Maru* (36 bags).

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Blue Funnel liner *Talthybius* for Pacific Ports, left Manila on May 7th for this port, and is due to arrive here to-day.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
New York & Boston via Panama	Tsuyama Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 9th inst.
New York & Boston	Moorish Prince	Brit.	Prince Line	On 1st June
New York & Boston via Suez	Dacre Castle	Ital.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 19th inst.
New York, Boston & Baltimore	Kansas	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 19th inst.
Barcelona, Valencia Antwerp Rotterdam, &c.	Sumtra	Swed	Gilman & Co.	About 25th inst.
Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez	Diomed	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 7th June
Boston, New York & Baltimore via Suez	Kansas	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 19th inst.
San Francisco via S'hai & Jap. Ports & H'lu.	President Pierce	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 9th inst.
Victoria & Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, &c.	Empress Canada	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 15th inst.
Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver via J. Ports	Yokohama Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 15th inst., 11 a.m.
Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle	Talthybius	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 16th inst.
Seattle & Victoria, via S'hai. Kobe & Yokohama	Presidt. Grant	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 21st inst.
Marseilles & London	Mcrea	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. I.	On 30th inst.
Marseilles, &c.	Andre Lebon	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 10th inst.
Marseilles, &c.	Amboise	Fren.	Messageries Maritimes	On 24th inst.
Marseilles, &c.	Chantilly	Fren	Messageries Maritimes	On 7th June
Marseilles, London, Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Suwa Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 9th inst., Noon
Marseilles, London, B'dam & Hamburg	City of Glasgow	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 14th inst.
Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow	Ajax	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 16th inst.
Genoa, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen, &c.	Elberfeld	Ger.	Melchers & Co.	On 15th inst.
Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	Calchas	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th inst.
London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	Glenapp	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd	On 20th inst.
Genoa, Mars., B'dam, Amsterdam, Hamburg & Bremen	Oostkerk	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 26th inst.
Bombay via Singapore & Colombo	Tokushima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 13th inst.
Straits & Calcutta	Fooksang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 11th inst., 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Talambla	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 10th inst., 1 p.m.
Singapore, & Bombay	Jeypore	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 6th June
Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, &c.	Sardinia	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 16th inst, D.L.
Singapore & Belawan-Deli	Van Cloon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On —
Brindisi, Venice & Trieste	Rosandra	Ital.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	Huichow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 11th inst., 4 p.m.
Sandakan via Swatow	Wosang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., 7 a.m.
Australian Ports via Manila	Mishima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th inst., 11 a.m.
Australian Ports	Tanda	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A.L.	On 3rd June
Australian Ports	Tsiyuan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 9th inst., 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Kawachi Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 13th inst
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwaisang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 13th inst., Noon.
Shanghai & Kobe	Sicilia	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 15th inst.
Shanghai, Moji Kobe & Yokohama	Kalyan	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 16th inst.
Shanghai & Kobe	Delta	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 12th June
Yokohama, Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Rosandra	Ital.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 10th inst.
Shanghai	Tjikarang	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	About 18th inst.
Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Tanda	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 10th inst, D.L.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Malwa	Brit.	P. & O., B. I. & A. L.	On 29th inst.
Tientsin	Chipshing	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 21st inst., Noon
Batavia	Tjisondari	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	About 27th inst.
Haiphong via Hoihow	Mingsang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 17th inst., 8 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kaying	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 10th inst., 11 a.m.
Hoihow & Singapore	Chenan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 9th inst., Noon.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haicheng	Brit.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 12th inst., 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haihong	Brit.	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 19th inst., 1 p.m.
Manila	President Taft	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 13th inst.
Manila	Empress Canada	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On —
Manila	Yuensang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 15th inst., 3 p.m.
Manila	Presidt. Grant	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 13th inst.

WEATHER REPORT.

May 8th at 17.15.—Pressure has increased slightly over N. and central Japan, E. China, Formosa and Indo-China. It has decreased slightly over the Loochoo and Bonin Islands and at Hongkong. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

A weak anicyclonic area is central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

A depression covers S. Japan.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 8th (0.0 inch. Total since January 1st, 21.05 inches, against an average of 13.77 inches.

The forcast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 9th is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Formosa Channel	Variable winds, moderate.
Hongkong to Gap Rock	S.E. winds, moderate; fair.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, May 7th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.77	29.79	29.79
Temperature	76	72	73
Humidity	86	99	86
Wind Direction	ESE	E	E
" Force	4	2	3
Weather	OM	of	C
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.11

Highest open-air Temperature on 6th ... 76
Lowest open-air Temperature on 7th ... 72

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 9th to 15th, 1925.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	High Water. H'kong Standard Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Satur.	9	m 9 18	7 0	m 3 12	2 2
		10 27 a	5 2	4 7 a	0 7
Sun.	10	m 9 52	7 2	m 3 42	2 5
		11 22 a	4 8	4 55 a	0 5
Mon.	11	m 10 27	7 3	m 4 13	2 8
				5 47 a	0 5
Tues.	12	m 0 28	4 4	m 4 46	3 1
		m 11 4	7 2	6 44 a	0 7
Wed.	13	m 1 56	4 1	m 5 23	3 6
		m 11 45	7 0	7 49 a	0 9
Thur.	14	m 3 41	4 0	m 6 12	3 9
		0 38 a	6 5	9 4 a	1 1
Fri.	15	m 5 18	4 3	m 7 26	4 1
		2 8 a	6 0	10 27 a	1 3

CHURCH SERVICES.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Services, May 10th:—

Morning Service at 11 o'clock:—
Hymns: 19, 448, 209, 437, 822
Magnificat (Burnett).
Sermon:—The Power of love.

Evening Service at 6 o'clock:—
Hymns: 676, 429, 531, 391, 683.
Sermon:—The men called wise.
Preacher:—Rev. E. K. Higdon. [86

First Church of Christ Scientists, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. Reading Room open Tuesday and Friday mornings—10 to 12 [87

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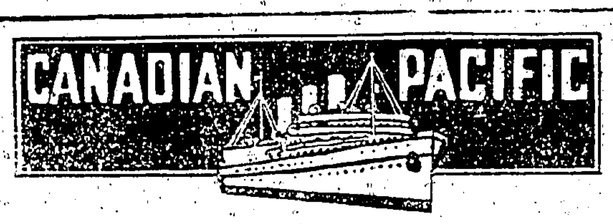

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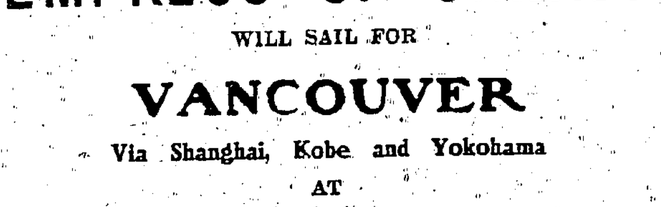

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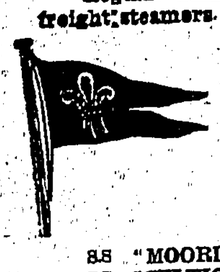

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"SOUDAN"	4,696	28th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"NAGOYA"	6,854	31st May	Marseilles, London, A'werp. & Hull.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	6th June	Singapore & Bombay.
"SICILIA"	6,813	11th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	8,097	11th July.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHMIR"	8,935	11th July	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th July	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	6,696	6th Aug.	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	6,813	3rd Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"NARKUNDA"	16,227	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	3rd Oct.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th May, 1 p.m	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th May	do.
"TAIBEA"	7,923	25th May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	4th June	do.

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† "TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th July	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Aug.	
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Sept.	
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"KALYAN"	9,118	16th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SICILIA"	6,813	16th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th June	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,935	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DELTA"	8,097	12th June	Shanghai, & Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,005	21st June	Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	10th July.	Shanghai & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
"KARMALA"	9,128	7th Aug	do.
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"KALYAN"	9,144	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	2nd Oct.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,902	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,935	1st Nov.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	14th Nov.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	28th Nov.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	12th Dec.	do.

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Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 8th May, 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHENAN"	On 9th May, Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"CHUPAN"	On 9th May, Noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 10th May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 10th May, 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHUNGKING"	On 11th May, Noon.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 11th May, 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 11th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 12th May, 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 13th May, Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 14th May, 11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 14th May, Noon.
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From	Per	Due
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Shanghai	*Sinkiang*	9th May
Shanghai	*Linan*	9th May
Europe via Siberia (London, 10th and 17th April)	*Dacre Castle*	10th May
Shanghai	*Suiyang*	10th May
Shanghai	*Andre Lebon*	10th May
Saigon	*Chantilly*	11th May
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Grant*	12th May
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*	12th May
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only; London 9th April)	*Kumsang*	12th May
Australia & Manila	*Tango Maru*	13th May
Straits	*Kitano Maru*	19th May
Japan	*Mishima Maru*	19th May
Manila	*Pres. Grant*	20th May
Japan	*Fushimi Maru*	22nd May

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date	
Hoihow	*Chinhua*	Saturday, 9th,	8.30 A M
Pakhoi	*Yuet Wah*		8.30 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 7th June	*Suwa Maru*	Reg.	9.45 A M
		Letters	10.30 A M
Hoihow and *Bangkok	*Chenan*		10.00 A M
Java via Batavia	*Macassar Maru*		10.00 A M
Manila	*Jason*		10.00 A M
*Saigon, *Straits and South Africa, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 2nd June	*Anca Maru*		11.30 A M
	Pres. Pierce	Parcels	Noon
		Registration	1.15 P M
		Letters	2.00 P M
		Parcels	Noon
Manila, Australasia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 24th May	*Taiyuan*	Reg.	1.45 P M
		Letters	2.30 P M
Bangkok	*Dux*		1.00 PM
Straits	*Clara Jebsen*		2.00 P M
Straits and Calcutta	*Talamba*	Parcels	4.00 P M
		Letters	5.00 P M
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th June—Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 10th May	*Andre Lebon*	Reg.	4.15 P M
		Letters	5.00 P M
Hoihow and *Haiphong	*Leesang*		5.00 P M
Japan	*Tanda*		5.00 P M
Haiphong	*Tonkin*		5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Hozan Maru*	Sunday, 10th,	9.00 A M
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kaying*		9.00 A M
Shanghai and Japan	*Chantilly*	Monday, 11th	10.30 A M
Straits and Calcutta	*Fooksang*	Parcels.	Noon
		Letters	1.00 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Huichow*		2.30 P M
Amoy	*Sinkiang*		3.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea*		3.30 P M
Manila, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Pres. Van Buren*		5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching*	Tuesday, 12th,	Noon
Straits & Bombay	*Alipore*		10.30 A M
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kwai Sang*		10.30 A M
Swatow	*Kwongsang*		5.00 P M
Manila	*Pres. Grant*	Wednesday, 13th	3.30 P M
Japan	*Tango Maru*	Thursday, 14th,	9.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 1st June—and Europe via Siberia (correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only.) Ship sails at daylight on Friday, the 15th May	*Emp of Canada*	Parcels	Noon
		Registration	4.15 P M
		Letters	5.30 P M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

May 8th, 1925.

On London.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	—	2/3
Bank Bills, on demand	—	2/3 1/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	—	2/3½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	—	2/3½
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	—	2/4
On Paris.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	—	1,050
Credits, 4 months' sight	—	1,150
On New York.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	—	54½
Credits, at 30 days' sight	—	56½
On Bombay.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	}	150½
Bank Bills, on demand		
On Calcutta.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	}	—
Bank Bills, on demand		
On Shanghai.—		
Bank Bills, at sight	}	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight		
On Yokohama.—On demand	—	123½
On Manila.—On demand	—	109½
On Singapore.—On demand	—	96⅛
On Batavia.—On demand	—	134⅛
On Haiphong.—On demand	—	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	—	82⅞
On Bangkok.—On demand	—	8.64
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	—	$ 47
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	—	31⅞
Bar Silver, per oz.	—	

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorised Capital	$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling	£4,500,000
Silver	$26,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$20,000,000

Court of Directors:

G. M. Young, Esq., Chairman.
H. P. White, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

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Chief Manager
A. H. Barlow, Esq.

Manager: Shanghai—G. H. Stitt, Esq.

London Bankers:
WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1925. [25

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

Interest on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3½ per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of $100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at CURRENT RATES.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [26

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated By Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office—London.

Paid-up Capital	£2,000,000
Reserve Fund	£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietor	£2,000,000

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 52,500,000
Reserve Fund	Yen 19,980,000

Head Office:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
Chosen:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makung, Nanto, Pinan, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui, Tshyen, Arc.
China:—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
Others:—Hongkong, Bangkok, Singapore, Soerabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

London Bankers:
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The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.

Z. YAMAMOTO,
Manager.

Hongkong Branch,
4, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1924.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,500,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,200,000

Bankers:
The Bank of England
and
Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Bangkok	Galle	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
Batavia	Hongkong	Madras	Shanghai
Bombay	Howrah	New York	Simla
Calcutta	Kandy	Penang	Singapore
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis	Soerabaya
Delhi	Kota Bharu	(Mauritius)	

Hongkong Branch:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

J. B. ROSS,
Acting Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, PARIS.

Head Office: 96 Boulevard Haussmann, Pa. s.

Subscribed Capital	Frs. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	Frs. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	Frs. 59,667,233.54

Branches

Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Batavia	Manila	Shanghai
Canton	Noumea	Singapore
Djibouti	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Phnom Penh	Yunnanfu
Hanoi	Pondicherry	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
In London: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
In New York: J. P. Morgan and Co. French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

A. LEOOT
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1924 [21

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

Head Office:—HONGKONG.

Authorised Capital	$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital	5,000,000
Reserve Fund	1,000,000

Directors:—
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Chairman
Pung Fing Shan, Ng Ching Luk, Huyuh Tai, Li Koon Chun, Pong Wai Ting, Kan Ying Po, P. K. Kwok, Mok Ching Kong, Chan Ching Shek, Wong Yun Tong

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1925. [33

THE BANK OF CHINA.

中國銀行

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital	$40,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	18,278,600.00
Reserve Funds	2,819,425.24

Head Office:—Peking.

Hongkong Branch:—4, Queen's Road Central. Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.
New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank | The Equitable Trust Co., New York

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on Approved Securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [32

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Authorized Capital	Guilders 150,000,000 ($72,500,000)
Paid-up Capital	80,000,000 ($38,650,378)
Reserve Fund	20,045,052 ($1,678,413)
Special Reserves	22,580,000 ($1,823,234)

Head Office:—AMSTERDAM

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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid-up)	Yen 100,000.00
Reserve Fund	Yen 80,500.00

Head Office:—Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Batavia	Kobe	Soerabaya
Bombay	London	Hangcow
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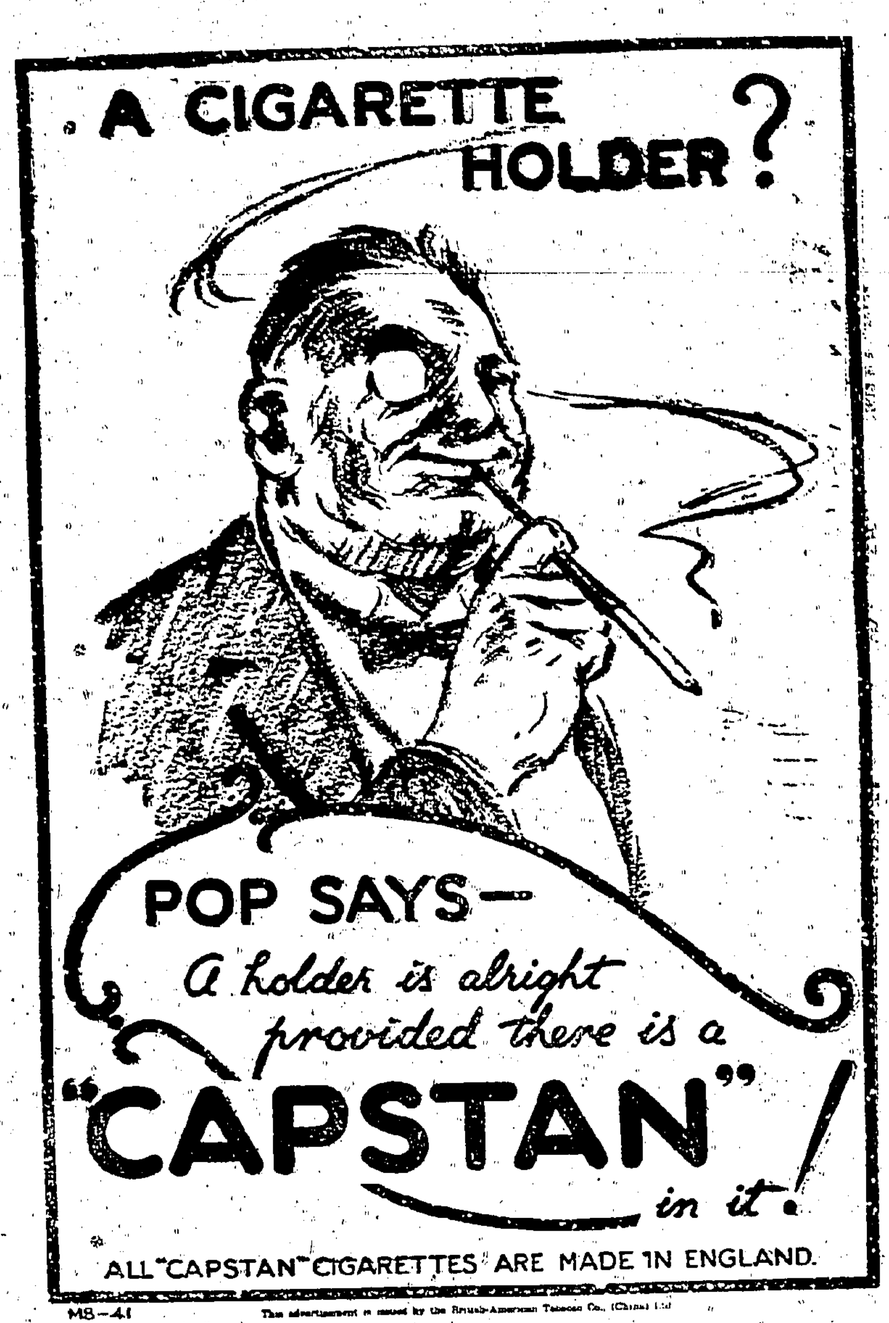
Honolulu	Rio de	Tsingtau
Kai Yuan	Janeiro	Vladivostock

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

U. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [25



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